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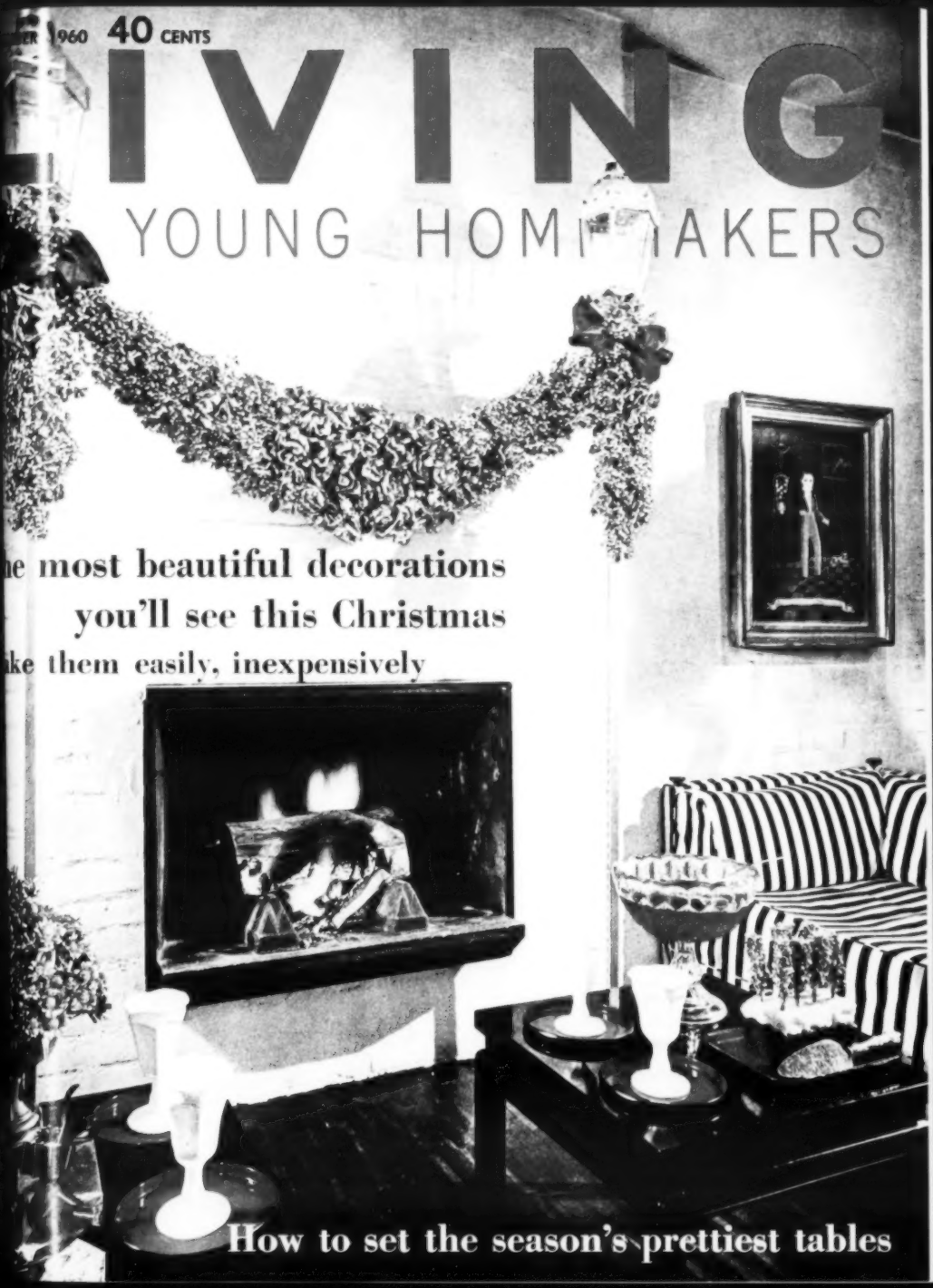

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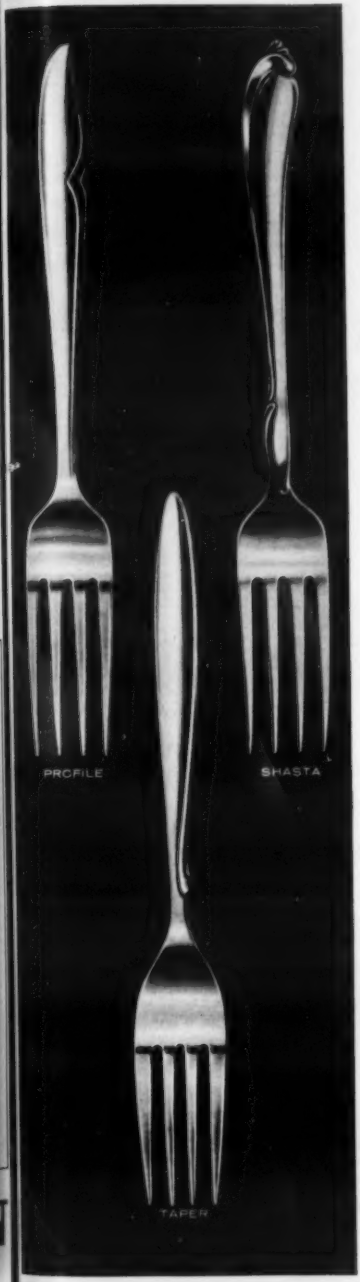

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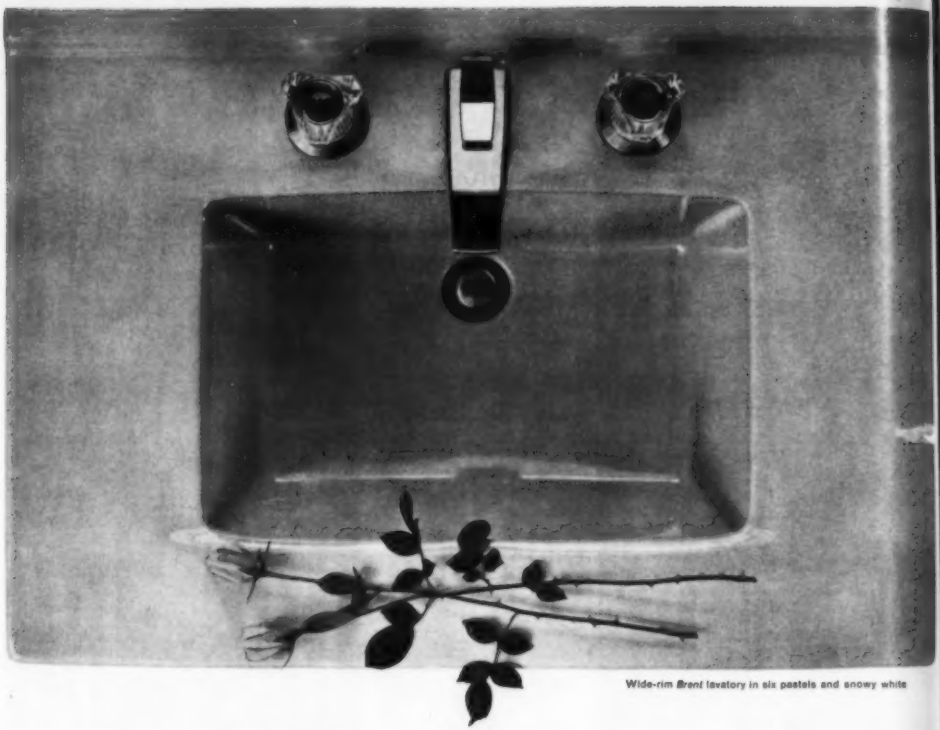

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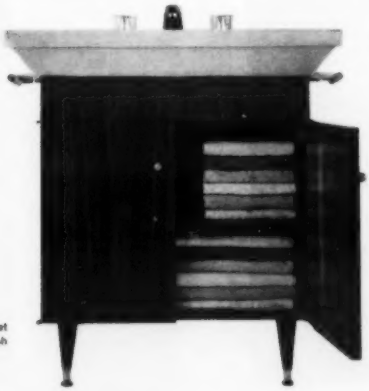

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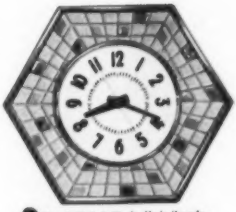

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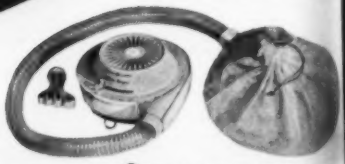

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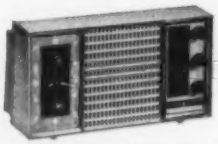

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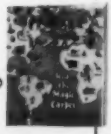

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For someone whose interests run in the direction of the "pops," a new RCA-Victor release is made to order. The disc, called *Fiedler's All-Time Favorites*, was recorded by the Boston Pops Orchestra under the direction of the man who has led it for the past thirty years, Arthur Fiedler. Among the works included are the famous *Light Cavalry* overture of Suppe, the waltz from Tchaikovsky's ballet, *The Sleeping Beauty*, the *Bacchanale* from Saint-Saens' opera, *Samson and Delilah*, and the overture to *Martha*, by Flotow. One feature of the disc is a medley called *Old Timers' Night at the Pops*, which includes such favorite tunes as *Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay*, *The Band Played On*, *The Bowery*, *Daisy*, *After the Ball*, *Sweet Rosie O'Grady* and *A Hot Time In The Old Town Tonight*.

A group of concert favorites of a different kind appears on a Westminster disc recorded by the Vienna State Opera Orchestra under the direction of Maurice Abravanel. The musical fare consists of two works by Tchaikovsky—his *1812 Overture* and *Capriccio Italien*, and two by his countryman, Rimsky-Korsakoff. They are the *Russian Easter Overture* and the *Capriccio Espagnol*. The *1812 Overture* ends with an assist from a brass band, a carillon and a cannon from the Napoleonic Wars. They do make quite a racket.

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The lover of chamber music will be pleased with a new Vanguard release containing, on three separate discs, all the string quintets of Mozart. The performances, which are excellent, are by the Griller Quartet and the violist William Primrose. On a single RCA-Victor record, the Juilliard String Quartet turns in a first-class performance of Schubert's dramatic quartet known as *Death and the Maiden*. The record also contains the same composer's *Quartettsatz*, a very beautiful single-movement work. Two Beethoven quartets are available on a single Columbia disc, in performances by the Budapest Quartet. They are the Opus 18, Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. They represent the young Beethoven's first ventures into the realm of the string quartet; as a result, both works will bring to mind the music of Mozart and Haydn, Beethoven's predecessors.

If one of the people on your gift list is devoted to keyboard music, you might try one of several recent discs by a number of young pianists. Two Mozart sonatas, the C Major, K. 330 and the E Flat Major, K. 282, as well as the Rondo in D Major, K. 485, are played by Leon Fleisher on an Epic recording. In a more romantic vein, there is a Monitor disc containing Chopin's B Minor Sonata, Liszt's *Sonetto del Petrarca*, four preludes by Rachmaninoff and shorter works by Ralf and Moszkowski. The performances are by Claudette Sorel.

Going still further in the romantic direction, there is the popular third piano concerto by Rachmaninoff, in a performance by Ann Schein, with the Vienna State Opera Orchestra under Sir Eugene Goossens, on a Kapp record.

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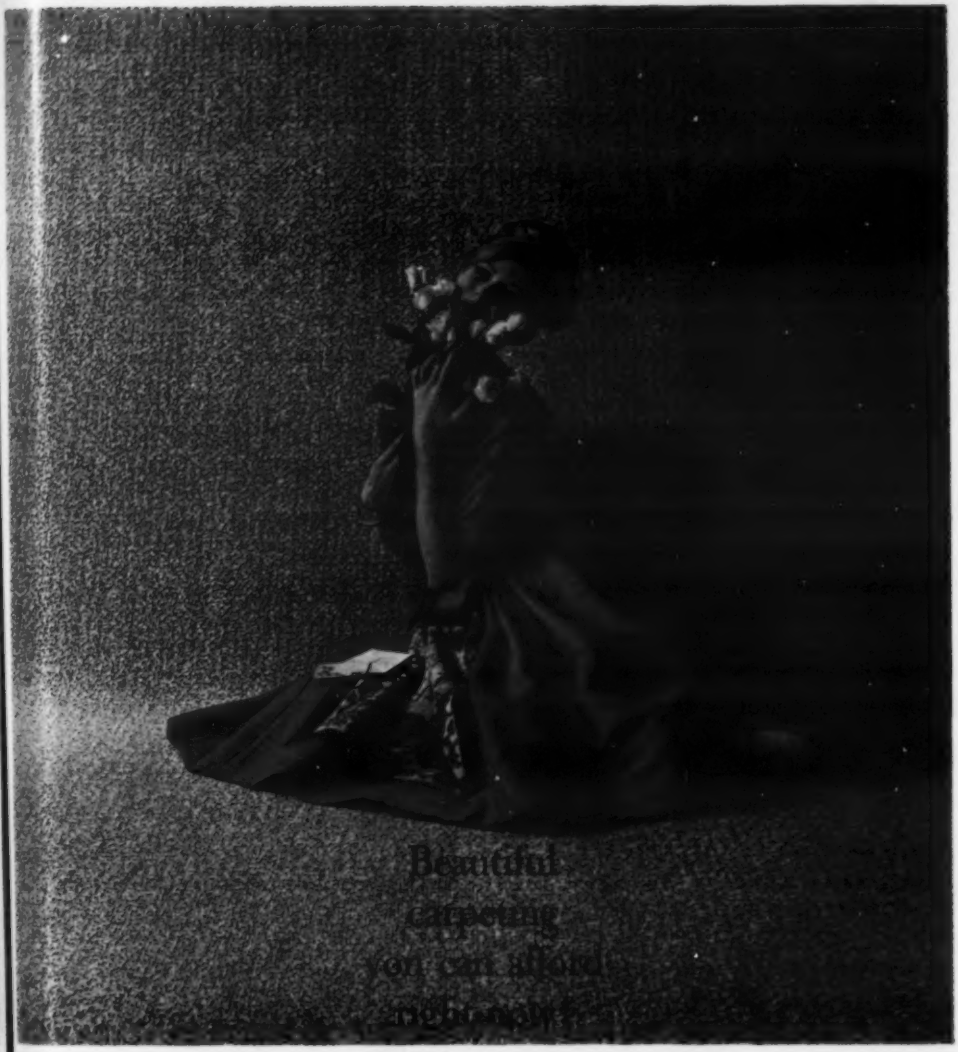

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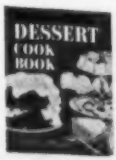

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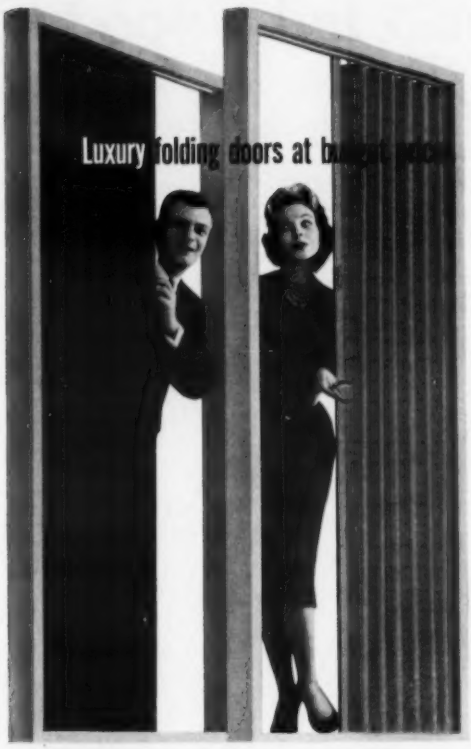

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A potpourri of special pointers

By JEAN HERSEY

Chill December brings the sleet
Blazing fire, and Christmas treat . . . *Sara Coleridge**

Fruits and flowers in your Christmas wreath! Whether you buy or make your front-door holiday greenery, why not add a Della Robbia touch? Run wire through a few of the small red and yellow *Lady* apples now in the market, and attach them around the circle of evergreen. Separate bunches of red and green grapes into clusters of six or ten and wire on. And why not a bright green Brussels sprout or two or three? Scarcely anything is more decorative. Also a few dried flowers, gold-colored everlastings and deep blue statice. Something blue you must have. During a cold week the fruit will have a fine frosted look. In warmer climates the postman will eat a grape or two. So keep replacements handy.

Gather your own Christmas decorations. This is the time to prune your evergreens and use the trimmings for your indoor holiday decor. To encourage the cut branches to hold needles as long as possible, cut at least ten days ahead, set in water in a cool, dark place (cellar or garage). Sprinkle with water every few days. Pine, fir, hemlock, spruce, cedar, arborvitae, juniper are all suitable. Since hemlocks tend to shed needles, confine their use to branches tacked outdoors around the front door or windows.

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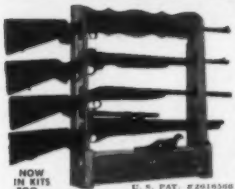

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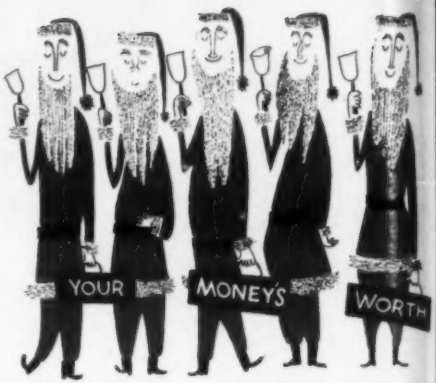

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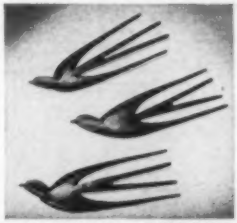
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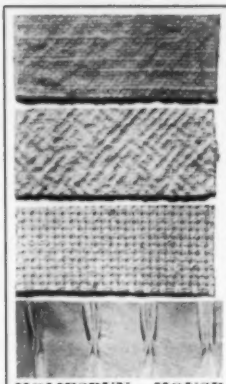

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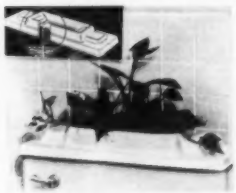

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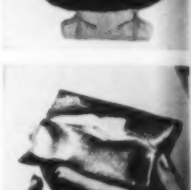

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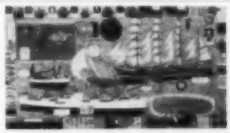

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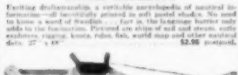

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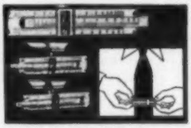

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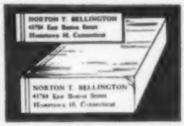

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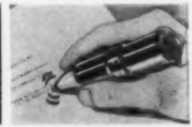

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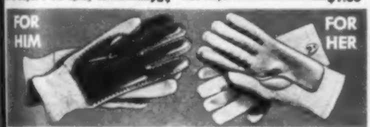

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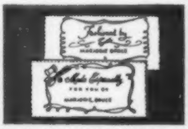

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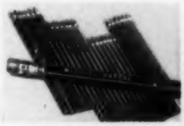

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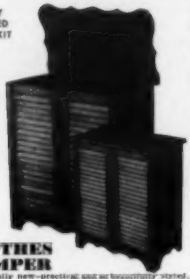

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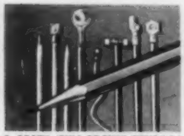

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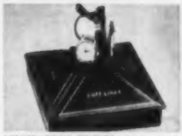

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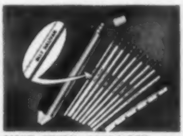

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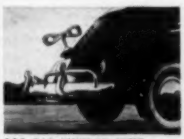

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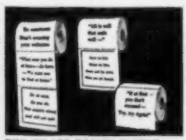

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This crystal decanter makes a unique and colorful way of serving cordials. Imported from France, it has four separate sections, each with its own pouring spout and stopper. Fill them with a colorful quartet of creme de menthe, Cherry Heering, Grand Marnier and Drambuie. The decanter is 12" tall. $5.95, plus 50¢ post. Victoria Gifts (L1260), Wynnewood, Pa.

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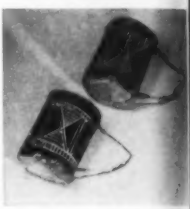
These are actually native drums used for signaling by the Lozi tribe of Rhodesia. Crafted of *Mungungo* wood, in a primitive African design, the animal hide is stretched taut on either end and fastened with primitive wood dowels. 6" long by 4¾" in dia., a conversation piece in boy's room or den and fun to play too! $2.95 ea., ppd. Shopping International (L1260), 25 Lafayette Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.



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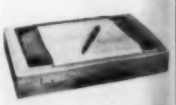

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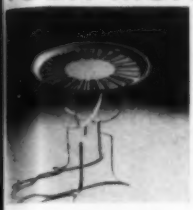

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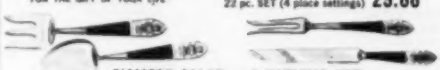

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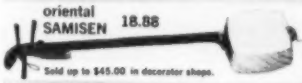

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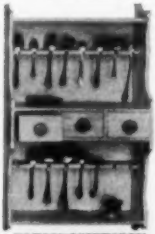

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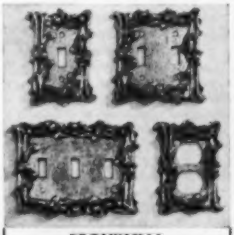

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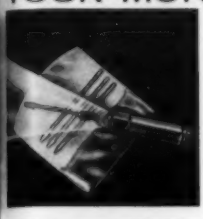

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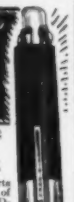

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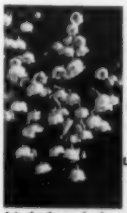

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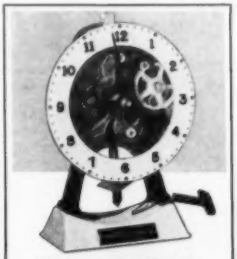

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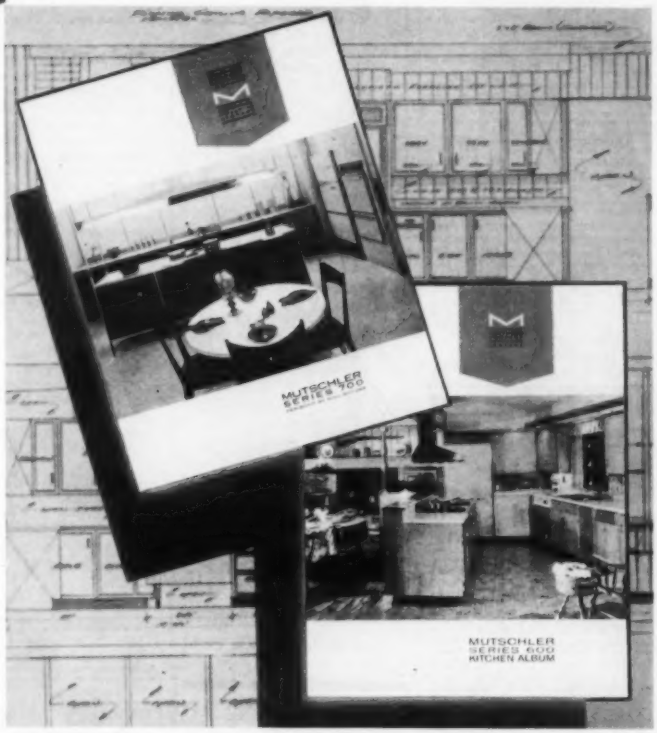

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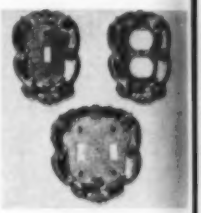

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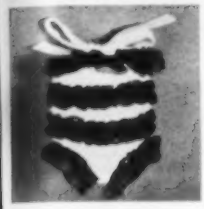

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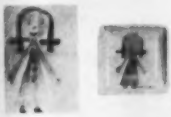

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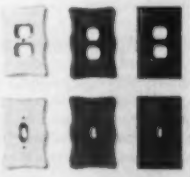

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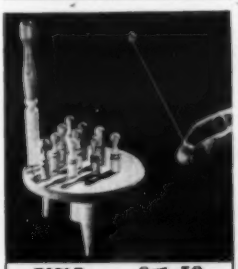

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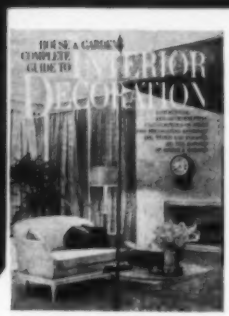

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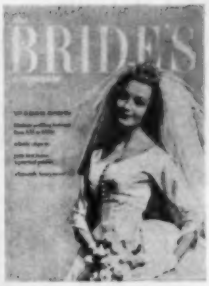

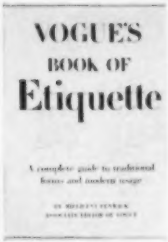

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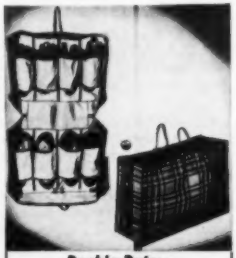

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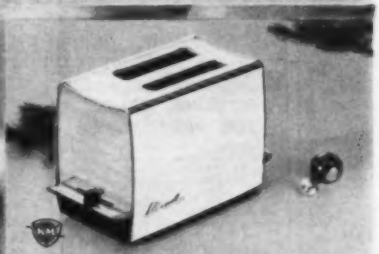

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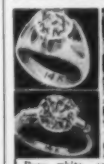

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Speaking of Living

Barby and George, whisked off from home for a day that kept their eyes as sparkle-bright as Fifth Avenue itself, began their tour with an almost immediate stop—for ice cream in Rockefeller Center. (There was some almost purely incidental interest in the skaters, too.) Bundling up again, the trio devoted a long, rapt gaze across to the 70-foot spruce there, *truly* lit up like a Christmas tree. Uncle Everett took them on up then to Lever House, where the carrousel was very much admired

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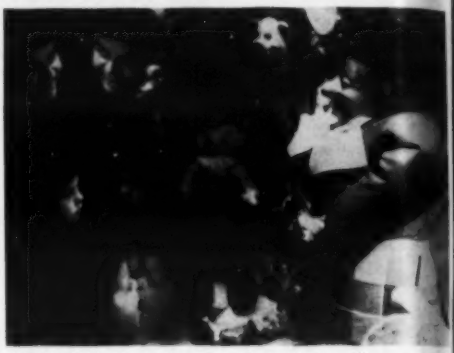

Along Fifth Avenue, with stores at show-off best, small noses pressed against panes that fronted rich displays of treasures undreamed-of

Consulting Santa, Barby couldn't think of anything at all she wanted, but George's list was so long that Santa felt constrained to call a gentle halt. The gasps and hand-tuggings and wrigglings-away and squeaks of "Oh, look!" got Everett harassed in the face of earnest shopping he had to do

With his two favorite relations in tow, and his Christmas spirit in tatters, Uncle Everett thanks heaven at day's end, for moms and dads

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There's nothing old-fashioned about Christmas

tenderly putting aside all the endearing symbols of escape—the tarnished tinsel, the broken star, the tattered toy—why, we ask, should christmas be swathed in nostalgia? Why should we say "*Do* let's have an old-fashioned Christmas"? Why are we so determined to recall the days of our childhood? A child's joy is an enviable thing, but so is an adult's, and to us, that joy exists only because Christmas means a renascence of the spirit. We transcend, somehow, the mortal coils, and like latter-day phoenixes, emerge each December from the throes of the year past—reborn, in a way, refreshed and loving. We hold no man a foe, and we embrace our homes and children with an intensity we rarely display at any other time of the year. That, we believe, is the meaning of Christmas, and because it is a thing of the heart and, consequently, of the hearth we have decked our halls as a tribute to the season—a tribute, incidentally, which is doubly precious because it is designed to glow —if you would like it to—for the whole year round.

Try your hand at making

The gay ritual of decking the halls at the holiday season is a very special tribute to the spirit of Christmas and a happy expression of our imagination and creativity. Reindeer running roughshod across the mantelpiece, crystals emulating a small Versailles and geometric contrivances calling forth all the mathematical genius the family can muster may be very well in their place—namely, a room that can live up to such embellishments. But first of all, let's look at *our* house and *our* rooms and decorate *them*. Let's emphasize their charm with decorations worthy of our once-a-year display of showmanship. The room on the left, for instance, has all the warmth that rich color and the patina of fine woods can give it. Somehow we can't see a mobile or a shocking-pink tree giving anything resembling the holiday spirit to such a room. However, we *can* take our cue from the burnished gold picture frame, sparkling brass chandelier and the stately simplicity of early American furniture to create decorations that enhance as well as make merry. The wreath is as simple and inexpensive as leaves, milliner's fruit and gilt spray can make it, and while all the makings are at hand, it's a very simple matter to fashion a few extra wreaths for gifts to friends who have almost everything except imagination.

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SIDEBOARD, SETTLES AND TABLE BY CONSIDER H. WILLETT; LADDER-BACK CHAIRS BY NICHOLS & STONE; ROOM SETTING BY B. ALTMAN

For instructions on how to make this and other decorations, turn to pages 54-59

ing DECORATIONS with a room in mind

CHERRY FURNITURE BY EMPIRE

DECORATIONS WITH A ROOM IN MIND *continued*

A GOLDEN WREATH OF THE YEAR'S BOUNTY is a becoming decoration for the well-loved rooms that house the family's cherished treasures. Made of plastic fruit and vegetables sprayed for a twenty-four-carat look, it can be fashioned into a spray or garland suitable to the niche it decorates.

See pages 54-59 for instructions on how to make wreath

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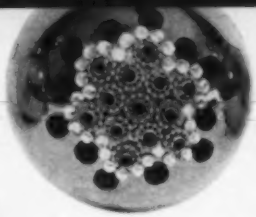

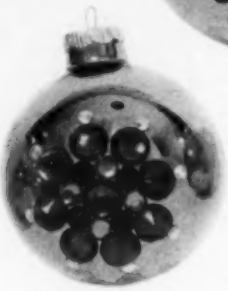

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on how to make ornaments

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A ROOM THAT SPARKLES with the whimsey and humor of an eclectic collector's sprightly assemblage deserves the magic of a shimmering tree, festooned with jewels more fabulous than a rajah's treasure. Each ornament is in itself a collector's item and no more costly than your time to apply make-believe diamonds, rubies and emeralds. One ornament beautifully wrapped makes a very personal greeting and one recipients will hope to be a continuing custom.

ROOM DECORATED BY MACY'S NEW YORK

BELOW: EVERGLEAM ALUMINUM TREE BY ALUMINUM SPECIALTY CO., MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

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AROUND THE WORLD IN A HOLIDAY BALLOON lands us smack in the heart of Old New York, full to the brim with Christmas spirit. The flight into fantasy by way of tree ornaments (as easy to make as winding a ball of ribbon) is no more imaginative than papering walls of a small room to discover an illusion of greater space.

MURAL WALLPAPER BY WALL TRENDS; MAPLE FURNITURE BY STATTON

See *Your Guide to This Issue* for further information

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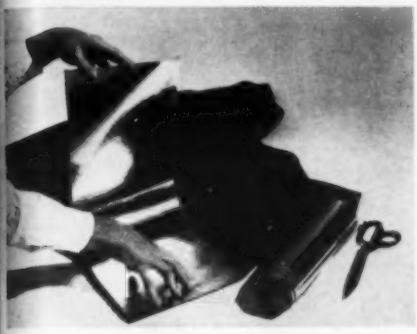
The wall-bound basket of glittering gold bounty began life as last year's hat (at right). First step in glamorizing was to spray-paint it gold: then bring two edges of the brim together to form a basket. The artificial fruits, flowers and greens which fill it were individually gold-sprayed, sprinkled with glitter while still wet. Before the green velvet ribbon was pinned on to hold it all up, the velvet was given body and extra beauty by backing it with gold contact paper (below)



SPRAY-O-NAMEL PAINT BY ILLINOIS BRONZE

Beautiful Christmas decorations

to make yourself, as easily as falling off a Yule log

At left: No mantel could ask for more—a gloriously gold and silver swag decoration. It's freestanding, so there's no worry about nail holes or marks of any kind to spoil the wall. The stanchions that support the swag could be broomsticks, Christmas-tree trunks or any sort of standards you want to set—it's important only that they have fairly sturdy bases. The swag itself is extremely light, but even so it's a good idea not to take chances with shaky footing. To crown our supports, we used Mexican tin lamps, but any type of lantern would do as well. The swag begins as chicken wire, molded into a kind of banana shape for the central portion and into two smaller ellipses for the side pieces. To make the tissue-paper roses which you'll insert in the forms: first, fold a strip of white tissue paper lengthwise to a width of about 3 inches. Now start rolling it up from one end, keeping a firm grip on the underside of the rose as it grows (picture above). When it's reached the diameter you want, twist fine wire around the base you've been holding secure as you rolled, leaving enough of the wire to anchor the rose to the chicken-wire form. Before attaching the roses, however, spray-paint some of them gold, others silver, and dip them in a bowl of glitter while they're still wet (above, center). Sprays of small, dime-store artificial greens and flowers can be treated the same way, and wired into the swag along with the roses. Attach the completed swag to the stanchions with fine wire

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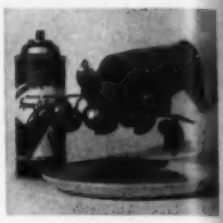

Start this wreath with a florist's plain wire hoop. Fatten it up by molding either excelsior or matted tissue paper around it, then bind the whole with strips of tissue. Select any small-leafed green (we used huckleberry) and break into sprays, attaching fine wire to the main stems. Do the same with clusters of small artificial fruits. Gold-spray all of them, dipping into glitter before paint dries. Twist the huckleberry leaf sprays onto the padded hoop, then anchor the fruit to the sprays. A big red bow, placed imaginatively just a little off center, sets off the whole. (Another appeal to the imagination: affix a few bits of fruit on top of the center of the bow, to fool the eye into seeing the red velvet "grow out of" the wreath)

Chicken wire, molded around a plain wire florist's hoop, is the beginning of this wreath. Artificial grapes, other fruit, leaves and wheat are all called for, as is, you may have guessed, gold spray. Once you've sprayed all the provender and allowed it to dry, you'll find it's easy enough to tuck the individual sprays into the chicken-wire form. There's only one further touch needed now: a fine bow of damask paper, affixed with fine wire.

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The object you see at left is not, of course, from a collection of the Czar's court jewelry—any more than the hands above belong to Faberge—but we like to think the resemblance is at least passing. The actual process of glorifying plain Christmas-tree balls with glued-on glitter and "jewels" from discarded costume jewelry (or the ten-cent store) can really be gathered from the pictures alone. A word or two, then, only of caution: don't approach the project in a freehand way—use light pencil strokes first to outline your design on the ornament. And be careful to distribute the weight of the jewels fairly evenly—or balls will tilt in hanging

Making a hanging decoration like this one couldn't be more simple or less expensive. Begin by buying styrofoam balls—available from almost any florist or dime store—in whatever sizes appeal to you. Next you'll need ribbons, straight pins and scissors. Cover the balls in alternating strips of ribbon in varying colors, anchoring the strips top and bottom with the straight pins. For the tassels, use odds and ends of ribbon cut to twice the length you want the tassel eventually to be. Fold in half and tie in the center. Then shred in narrow strips and pin to the bottom of the ball

ALL GIFT WRAPPINGS BY NORCROSS

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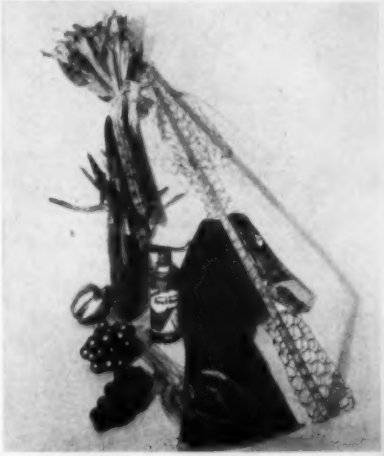
A hat-basket not *quite* as grand in scope as the magnificent affair pictured on a previous page. Make it in pretty much the same way—spraying a straw hat gold, bringing the edges together, attaching the supporting ribbon. To fill this basket we used gold-sprayed lemon leaves and large tissue-paper roses (turn back a page for how-to-make instructions on the roses)

This charming little topiary is a styrofoam ball covered with small plastic roses—the stems insert easily into the styrofoam. Spray this whole "head" with gold and sprinkle with glitter. Fill an appropriately sized pot with florist's clay to hold the "trunk" (a brass rod or a wooden stick will do) in place. Artificial rose leaves, sprayed and glittered, are then easily attached to the trunk with *Scotch* tape



The very splendid spray on the opposite page came from just the humble beginnings you see above: a wood dowel, a chicken-wire form, and plastic and dried fruits and vegetables. For hanging purposes, work a screw eye into the head of the wood dowel. Then mold the chicken wire into a tubular form around the dowel and secure it in several places with fine wire. Gold-spray the fruits and vegetables before wiring them to the form. Finish off with a bow, backed by gold contact paper

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Living for very, very

Playing house is as established an occupation for the very young as serious homemaking is for their elders. And, just as this Christmas provides the richest imaginable variety of things for the real home, so has there never

young homemakers

been more for the "let's pretenders." Here and on the next pages are companions to the game—dolls as big and very nearly as lively as four-year-olds—as well as all the pint-sized accoutrements necessary for the play.

On the following pages, open house is being held for your inspection

LIVING FOR THE VERY, VERY YOUNG HOMEMAKERS *continued*

PERFECT HOSTESSING is natural enough in such truly perfect settings. The scene above could take on real life—if flesh-and-blood four-year-olds had such an elegant dining room, there's every chance their manners would begin to match it. To the left: a living-room corner replete with an oldtime player-piano. Company is provided by cheerful—if silent—companions.

ALL THE YOUNGEST SET longed for—there's everything at right from an authentically outfitted nurse to the pins, bottle and spoon she'll need. And below: a kitchen that does even the nursery one better for useful items. 100 accessories, from colander to cooky cutter, from mixing bowl to mop. (Everything on these pages available through the stores listed on page 110)

JOHN RENDIESEN

EGON ROOD

Most people today, worldly people, that is, seem to think of Christmas as a day for children. I suppose it is, really, yet I like to pretend that I own some small bit of it, even though I've known for years that my mother owns it *all*. She's a mature, intelligent woman, yet if one can have a kind of female Peter Pan for a mother, I've got her. Because she has steadfastly and resolutely refused to grow up, her joy in life and her delight in Christmas are unbounded. I can remember, years ago, waking at dawn on the

Great Day, thinking it would be nice to sleep a little longer, but not daring to. Mama was stalking the house below like a benevolent lioness, waiting for any sign of activity from her cubs upstairs. So down we went, my brother and I, to have what was called a "small" breakfast, and then be hustled into the Christmas-tree room, a resplendent sight with gift boxes piled high, wide and handsome. The fact that some of them were empty meant nothing to Mama. The *number* was what counted; one thing she said she never could bear was a "skimpy" Christmas, and every box, full or empty, was wrapped with extraordinary skill and imagination. Her favorites were never unwrapped; like elegant old actresses, they reappeared each year—a little long in the tooth, but still putting up a good show.

I can also remember a depression-year Christmas when more boxes were empty than held gifts—not that that fazed Mama. My brother wanted a sled that year more than anything in the world, and although my father was never a do-it-yourselfer, he got no peace until he descended to the basement and stayed there, hacking and sawing like a desperate mole, until he had produced a sled. We never told him that since he had forgotten to curve the runners the sled never slid very well. All that mattered was that it was a sled, and my brother has it to this day, hanging in all its pathetic dignity in his garage. He loves few things more.

That was the year *my* main present was Mama's evening fan, a marvelous flurry of red ostrich feathers I had coveted ever since I saw it going out to its first ball. At seven, glamour is not easily come by, but I had it like no other tike in town. It was also the year I learned to tat, Heaven knows how or why, and after a horrendous amount of labor managed to turn out a curious length of grubby edging that never quite washed out to its original color. But it was *tatting* and a labor of love; I purloined two of Mama's best linen towels, sewed my handiwork to them and presented them to my parents like *point d'Alencon*. Mama shed a tear, and said they were the nicest present she had ever received. I was very proud, and have never touched a crochet needle since. Thank goodness, one can tat only one Galatea.

Mama didn't believe in last-minute Christmas shopping. The whole year was her oyster, and as I look around the house today I realize that almost everything in it was a "present"—things like my big old mahogany bedroom "suite" (she was shopping early that year; it was delivered in August), and my piano, which arrived in October and made my outraged father declare that at last she had gone too far. He would pay for the piano, but as far as Christmas was concerned, for not a tittle more. Poor Mama; she sewed for weeks, making new dresses for my old dolls so I would have something under the tree; she painted my brother's bicycle to look like new, and made my father a smoking jacket out of an old velvet evening wrap. No one ever tried so hard, so desperately, to create a Christmas against odds.

Then Christmas morning came; the boxes were wrapped like jewels and piled to the ceiling. One by one, our names were read off until everything had been opened except the usual untouchables. And there was nothing from Papa for Mama. She left the room suddenly to "look" at something in the kitchen, and we knew that for the first time in her life, Christmas had let her down. We yowled, my brother and I, until Papa, abashed by tears and gloom, fished out a package that said, sure enough, from Will to Margaret. We rushed to get her, to find the indomitable soul calmly wrapping up a box—quite empty, but with her name on it.

Although Papa said he could have saved quite a lot of money by just wrapping a box instead of giving her a fur neckpiece, no fur, certainly, has ever been so venerated. Through the years, it appeared on every state occasion, from my brother's various graduations to my wedding, and even today—although she has a much glossier one—Mama insists that no fur will ever hold a candle to her Christmas neckpiece for sheer style. Someday, I know that either one of her granddaughters or I will be given that precious fur, and it will be wrapped in the most beautiful package loving hands can devise. There it will be, rubbing shoulders with new versions of Mama's wonderful antidote for a "skimpy" holiday. But it won't be for a long time. Wise child that she is, Mama knows how to make Christmas *last*.

2 kitchens:

expanded in size and function

Remember *A Hole is to Dig?* A book of poetically childlike definitions, meaningless to the most precocious of children but beloved by adult readers. A logical extension of the whimsey that went into it might very well be, "A kitchen is to cook." But to throw whimsey out the window for now, and turn to reality, we find it a pleasant truth that more and more kitchens are meant to be lived in, not just cooked in. On these and the next pages are two remodeled kitchens which people do live in. Instead of planning separate and space-confined "recreation" or "rumpus" or "activity" rooms, these couples have large kitchen-dining-living areas which suit every family purpose imaginable. The two young women homemakers spend almost their entire day in their kitchens-plus—acting as chefs de cuisine, mediators of sibling disputes, dispensers of midafternoon milk, and companions to homecoming husbands. *(For kitchen plans, see pages 70-71)*

KITCHEN NO. 1

JOHN BENDHEIM

THE CONROYS are a Connecticut family who spend much of their time in the area across the page from us. Their five children range in stage from babyhood to preadolescence, and two or more of them and their friends are always about. Whether it's for a session of popcorn-stringing for the Christmas tree or something a little more everyday in the way of childhood activity, the kitchen is accepted by the Conroy children as the heart of their home, and it's seldom they're found anywhere else but in bed asleep. The four older children have friends in and out with them all day—as guests at the lunch counter, fellow-watchers of television, or just plain playmates.

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KITCHEN 1

■ The warmth of large-family living, all in one area

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER is a desk corner in which Kenny does her domestic planning. An intercom system allows her to keep control over the children when they're upstairs in their own rooms—or, while she's cooking, keeps her tuned in to the nursery for distress signals from the baby. The only meal to which all seven Conroys sit down together is Sunday dinner. For the rest, the children are fed at the counter—one arm of a U-shaped area. Kenny works in the center of it at a surface unit with griddle. Flooring throughout the entire area has been treated with a plastic-resin finish which "seals" the wood with a protective finish, needs only an occasional mopping for maintenance. *(For over-all plan, see pages 70-71)*

Desk corner for planning

Away from the work section, a place to relax

Work and clean-up areas are convenient to counter for children's meals

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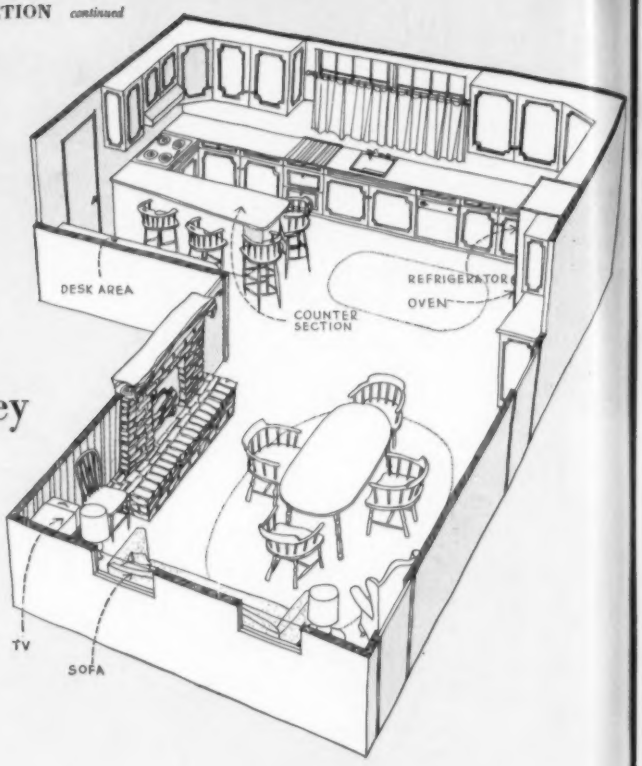
The Conroys utilized space they already had



KITCHEN 1

● To design the kitchen living they wanted, they knocked out a wall, represented by shaded line.

DESK AREA is where all menus are planned, grocery lists drawn up, telephone calls made. An intercom system here keeps Kenny Conroy in touch with her small fry when they're in their own rooms. The children are allowed desk privileges for homework that needs grown-up help.

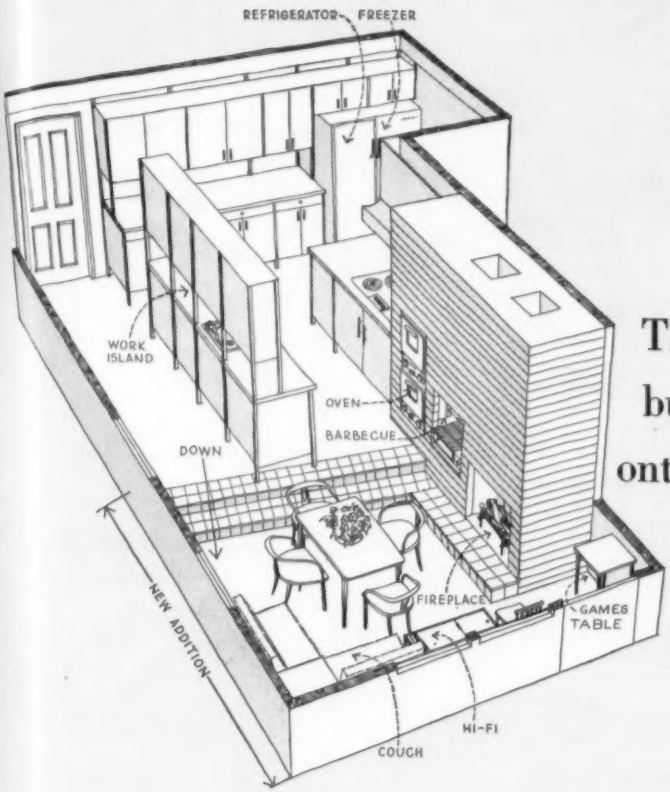
COUNTER SECTION with a built-in griddle unit allows Kenny to cook, serve and supervise the children's meals without taking extra steps.

OVEN AND REFRIGERATOR, instead of being allowed to break up an over-all work area, were arranged together at one convenient end.

SOFA is in exactly the right spot for an office-weary husband to plop himself, to talk with his wife as she goes about the business of getting dinner ready. No disjointed conversations carried on by shouting through the kitchen door.

TELEVISION is companionably near the sofa and occasional chairs, where a quantity of family mending and darning gets done of an evening.

CHERRY COMMODE, DOUGH-BOX END TABLE AND CHAIRSIDE TABLE BY KLING; ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES BY WHIRLPOOL CORP.; CABINETS, GENEVA MODERN KITCHENS; COUNTER-TOPS AND BACK-SPLASH, PANELYTE; COPPER HOOD AND FAN AND OVEN VENTILATOR, TRADE-WIND; FABULON FLOOR FINISH; LYONCRAFT SINK



The Hankins built an addition onto their kitchen

KITCHEN 2

● To make it a living-dining area as well, they literally expanded by adding on another room.

THE DIFFERENT LEVEL of the dining section (it's two steps down from the kitchen) lends it a psychological sense of separation without there having to be any actual physical barriers between the working and living areas.

WORK ISLAND in the center of the kitchen acts as a silent "traffic regulator." ("Traffic" consists usually of the children and their friends.)

FREEZER, since it's used frequently, is as conveniently placed as the refrigerator.

BUILT-IN BARBECUE, used often by the children, is handily close to the dining table.

HIGH-FIDELITY EQUIPMENT lends music with and between meals. For comfortable listening when not at table, there's the sectional sofa.

GAMES TABLE takes up a quiet corner, gets used most often for either checkers or chess.

CABINETS BY MUTSCHLER, DESIGNED BY PAUL MCCOBB; REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER, BUILT-IN SURFACE UNITS AND OVENS, WESTINGHOUSE; BUILT-IN DISHWASHER, KITCHENAID; BUILT-IN BARBECUE, MAJESTIC; STAINLESS-STEEL SINK, AERONCA; VINYL FLOORING, FLINTKOTE; FORMICA COUNTER-TOPS

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KITCHEN 2

BILL MARGERUM

Work island in the center of the kitchen proper

KITCHEN DESIGNED BY MAAG & D' ESTREMONT, A.I.A.

■ The Hankins now have one large area which they can use for entertaining themselves as well as their guests

TO GET THE LIVABILITY they wanted out of their home in suburban Philadelphia, Sabina and Moe Hankins built a dining-family area onto their kitchen. The remodeling included strikingly handsome cabinetry throughout—since the Hankins planned to spend as much time in the area as they do, they wanted necessities like cabinets to be as much chosen for good-looks as the furniture. The central work island is attractive enough to make the work that's done there seem like play. The two Hankins children are just old enough now to want to do their own entertaining and they manage it—with a maximum of young efficiency and a minimum of parental strain—at the built-in barbecue that's part and parcel of the dining area.

Dining table conveniently near built-in barbecue

See *Your Guide to This Issue* for further information

Visions of sugarplums...

may very well dance through their Christmas Eve dreams, but right now they're wide-awake to the reality of a punch-and-cooky party. Holiday entertaining is a notion no longer confined to adult spheres, and hospitality is a lesson being learned by the youngest of merrymakers

TINSEL-GREEN DRESSES WITH POPPY APPLIQUE AND EYELET APRONS; BERRY-RED AND EMERALD RIBBON DRESS OF WHITE DACRON; LOVE-STRIPED PINAFORE WITH CANDY-CANE MOTIF; MARY JANE; VELVET SUITS FROM GARLYN; GIFTS WRAPPED IN REYNOLDS ALUMINUM FOIL; TABLECLOTH OF INDIAN HEAD FABRIC; INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING SNOWMAN CENTERPIECE AND TABLECLOTH ON PAGE 18

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A complete manual for the fireplace *lover*

- *How much will it cost?*
- *Should your fireplace be traditional or contemporary in design?*
- *Are there definite rules for sizing and construction?*
- *What kinds of materials should you consider?*
- *Can you include a fireplace in remodeling?*
- *Is there a prefabricated fireplace for any room?*

Fireplaces and Christmas seem to go together like children and candy, all of which makes this season a good time to think about adding a fireplace if you are planning a new home or remodeling the one you have. What, exactly, should you know about what is undeniably one of the most romantic parts of a home? For, as any real-estate man will tell you, those three little words, "wood-burning fireplace," often arouse more interest among prospective buyers than many of the essential parts of a house. To the true fireplace lover, it is immaterial that in today's centrally-heated home the extra warmth afforded by a fireplace is negligible. The facts that ashes must be removed, logs hauled and stored, hearths cleaned and, on rare occasions, chimneys swept are also of little moment to him. All are beside the point that . . .

• ***There's magic in a fireplace.*** There has always been something elemental about controlling fire, one of nature's most feared forces and as a result the place where flame is kept, the hearth, with its age-old importance as a warmer and provider, has come to symbolize the home. All the most precise central heating equipment invented has not reduced the basic human response of fascination to the color and movement of flame. All the most dazzling kitchen equipment in the world has not lessened the excitement derived from occasional cooking at the hearth. People instinctively gravitate around a fireplace which makes it a natural focal point of decoration. It is easier for most homemakers to decorate a living room with a fireplace than a room without one. The pleasures of wood gathering and fire kindling are memorable, shared experiences for countless families. These are among the many arguments for fireplace ownership. If you have decided to take the plunge and be an owner yourself, the question is . . .

• ***What kind of fireplace shall it be?*** As with every other element in today's house, there is a wide variety of choice for your hearth. Shall it be traditional or contemporary in style, custom-built or prefabricated? The former question is answered, of course, by the over-all style of your house. In a traditional house, one of the most appealing details is the fireplace. Most colonial and other period fireplaces can be reproduced with whatever degree of authenticity you can afford. There are any number of documentary references you can consult for design ideas. Breadth and depth of the chimney are simple for your builder to calculate and a skilled carpenter or mason can approximate almost any traditional mantel. There are also at your lumber dealer's examples and catalogues of mill-made mantels from which you can order. These cover a range of styles and are less expensive than handcrafted mantels.

The same procedure can be followed for a contemporary fireplace. Details like a design which enables a single flue to serve both a living and dining area can easily be worked out. (Incidentally, when planning a new house, your fireplace flue will also serve the central heating system.) Whether your fireplace is early American or contemporary, if it is masonry—brick, stone, concrete block or whatever—you must have properly placed footings or other suitable supports for it to rest upon. You must have a fireplace lining of firebrick or other fireproof material; you must also have a flue that is fireproof. Now let us consider . . .

• ***The science of size.*** In designing a fireplace, once the approximate size of the opening is determined, there is a proven set of conditions which should be followed. Experience has yielded a correct depth, height and width of opening relationship which accounts for fireplace efficiency; in short, for the all-important

"draw." Flue sizes are also dependent on the size of openings. Chimney height is another matter fixed by experience and there are also local ordinances for minimum clearance which should be looked into. Your contractor undoubtedly knows these relationships and adheres to the rules. If you are constructing your own fireplace—which is not recommended unless you have had previous experience or have knowledgeable guidance—by all means obtain a book with the rules spelled out.*

The cost of the custom-built, masonry fireplace varies with locality because of bricklaying and other labor costs plus prices of materials. In most areas, you can figure that the simplest chimney and mantel will add at least $500 to the cost of your house and it can run much higher, depending on whether it is a two-story or single-story structure and other considerations. You may have to be prepared to spend more, but remember that you are adding pleasure for the lifetime of the house, which prorated over the years, makes the extra immediate cost less momentous.

• ***The prefabricated fireplace*** has in recent years provided an alternate solution to the custom, masonry unit. In fact, it has brought within economic reach an easy-to-install, workable fireplace for any room in the home and an ideal solution for remodeling. Here again, there is considerable style choice. There are authentic reproductions of traditional Franklin stoves which make charming additions to period-decorated rooms (Portland Stove Foundry in Maine has a line of meticulously copied units). At the other end of the design range, there are contemporary units which look as modern as tomorrow. Some of the most interesting of these are shown on the following pages. Prefabricated fireplaces are usually easy and inexpensive to install; they are foolproof in function due to design research; they require no elaborate masonry chimneys and no footings; they are easy to tend.

The units are either wall-hung or rest safely on the floor directly or on legs which provide adequate air space between unit and floor. They come with special flue which in most cases is part of the decorative package and is left exposed to view. Exposure of the flue has a double advantage: it saves cost of encasement in a fireproof lining and it adds heat to the room through radiation as the flue pipe becomes and stays hot. If the appearance of the pipe is objectionable in your room scheme, it can be encased, or there is usually special ducting available to divert the flue through an exterior wall, exposing the flue pipe to the outside of the house. This obviates opening a hole in the roof (which is no particular problem, as a roofing contractor can assure watertightness). If it is necessary to penetrate the roof, however, there are safe, inexpensive and foolproof-to-install prefabricated chimneys to use in conjunction with any unit (Van Packer manufactures an excellent line). Of course, the prefabricated chimney can also be used in conjunction with a custom-built, conventional fireplace, too. The prefab fireplace is a good solution for the part-time home where it is usually the only source of heat. Here, pipe radiation is helpful additional warmth. It is good, too, for the converted garage room or any one-story addition to a home. It is also a workable solution for a remodeled attic, where, of course, the flue has immediate access to the roof.

• ***Price is an advantage:*** there are manufactured units as low as $100 plus freight (which can be sizable as units are heavy; you should check factory location and weight). Specially-designed and manufactured units also range as high as $500 and more. When ordering, it is well to indicate whether pipe is to be left exposed or vented through an outside wall. It is also well to order boot jacks, damper pipes, adapters, etc., which come with the unit, as on-site fabrication would be far more expensive for these items. As to installation, usually either your general contractor, roofing or plumbing contractor is equipped to do the job. The prefabricated fireplace is given more the feeling of a hearth if placed on a bed of used brick, screeded gravel, an asbestos-cement panel or some device to set the unit apart from the rest of the room. There are also fire-safety advantages in this arrangement.

• ***Miscellaneous considerations.*** While the extra warmth of a fireplace is small compared to the comfort of a central heating system, there are times, in late spring or early fall, when it is economical to use a fireplace to take the chill off a room without activating a central heating system. There are also prefabricated air-warming chambers included in over-all metal fireplace forms offered by several manufacturers—the *Heatilator* unit is one of them—which, when used in a masonry chimney, can throw out considerable warmed air through grilles in the chimney breast, in addition to the warmth from the hearth itself. To an extent, of course, this helps to reduce the furnace load in a thermostatically-controlled heating system. A word about other details to consider for a custom fireplace: First of all, keep the materials simple. Let them blend with the other elements of the room rather than overpowering it. Massive masonry blocks, giant cobblestones and huge rocks are not usually suitable for the average-sized living or family room. For easier maintenance, an ash dump is a good idea. Essentially a metal trap door at the base of the fireplace, it permits you to deposit ashes in a pit which can later be cleaned, either from an opening in the basement, if you have one, or from a concealed chamber if you don't. If your house has a concrete slab foundation, the hearth can be raised slightly to accommodate this feature. Incidentally, a raised hearth is a practical consideration for ease of fire laying, tending and general cleaning. Dampers for controlling the flow of air and resultantly the draw are of importance, and proper installation of a damper, when used, is vital. All of the foregoing should help you reach a decision about the kind of fireplace you want. For further details, your contractor will have the answers.

*A RECOMMENDED BOOK: BOOK OF SUCCESSFUL FIREPLACES, HOW TO BUILD THEM 75c FROM THE DONLEY BROTHERS COMPANY, CLEVELAND

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FOR THE FIREPLACE LOVER

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Pair of andirons here and traverse fire-screen on the following pages by Bennett-Ireland. Silhouetted accessories on all four pages from S. P. Skinner, New York City

1. Authentic eighteenth-century wood mantel is an adaptation of a graceful Adam design. Hearth and facing around fireplace opening are marble; the lining is firebrick. The mantel could be copied to lend traditional appeal to any room decorated in this period. 2. Mill-made mantel is another means of capturing traditional charm for a living room. Catalogues of similar period woodwork can be studied at a lumber dealer's. Fireplace opening in this case is brick, painted black to contrast with white painted woodwork. Screen, fire tools and andirons by Puritan. 3. Raised hearth, twenty-one inches above the floor, takes the backache out of fire-laying and tending. In this dining-study, exposed brick fireplace is a simple design which could blend with either traditional or contemporary decoration. Hearth is surfaced in quarry tile which

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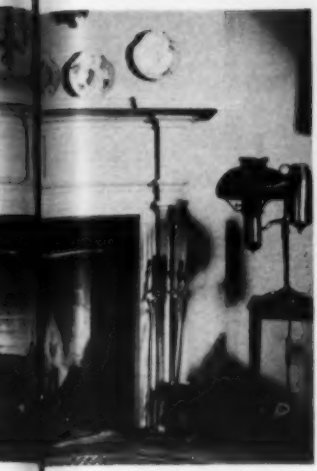

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continues to form the first shelf in flanking storage cases. Screen and tools by Portland Willamette. **4.** A warm, rustic effect in a dining room is created by the use of exposed brick for raised hearth and chimney breast. Only accessories in simple scheme are iron fire basket and wall-hung black iron skillets. **5.** Ancient cooking fireplace retains its original trappings, now warms by means of an antique iron stove ducted to chimney flue. Simple pine mantel ledge with exposed brick expanse below, stone hearth and liner are typical of old New England "keeping room" fireplaces. Old bake oven in wall now holds greens. **6.** In a den, chimney breast is wood-paneled with a simple, shallow mantel. Hearth and exposed facing are red quarry tile to follow room decoration. Traverse fire-screen, tools and stand of polished brass by Portland Willamette.

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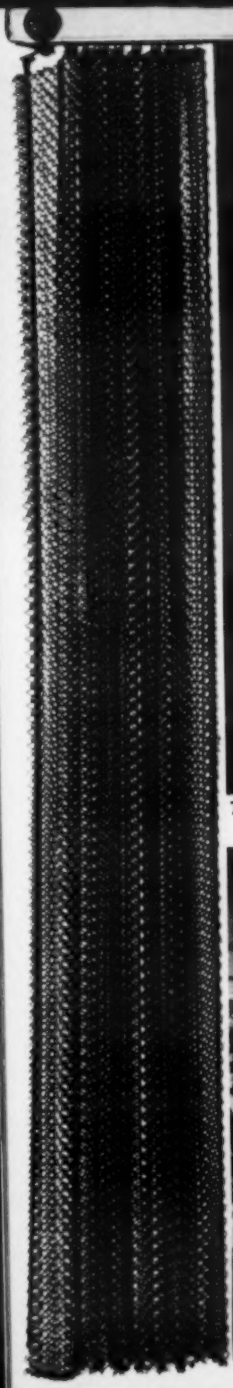

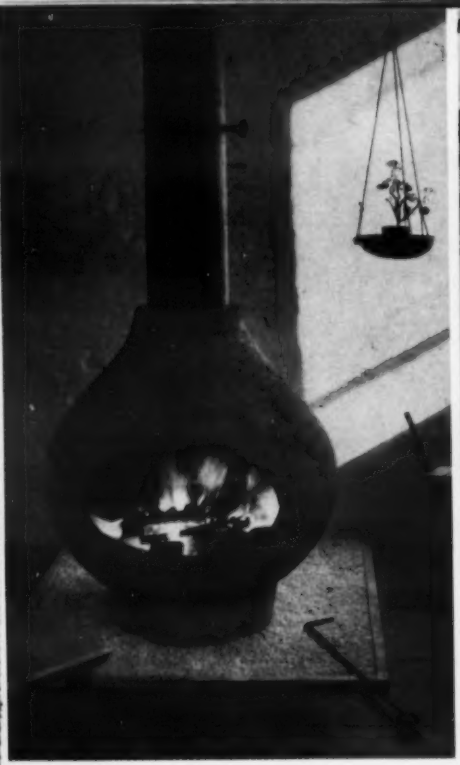

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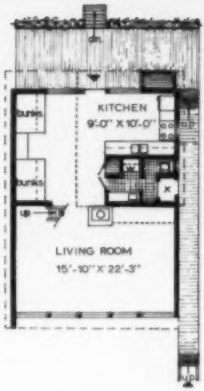
7. Prefabricated *Igloo* fireplace is molded of fire clay, reinforced with steel rings. It can stand temperatures in excess of 2000° Fahrenheit. Free-standing unit, equipped with exposed flue pipe, was given a suggestion of hearth by placement on gravel bed defined with wood strips. By Mills-Denmark. **8.** Custom-built fireplace in contemporary home has a dual function, serving both living and dining areas. Hearth on both sides is quarry tile; chimney breast is a continuation of interior wall surfaced in Roman brick, random shades of terra-cotta. **9.** Conical metal *Firehood* is also a manufactured unit, available in black or a variety of colors to fit any contemporary decoration scheme. Unit stands on pedestal for easier tending as well as fire safety. By Condon-King. **10.** A new concept combines modular fireplace and furniture units side-by-side on legged stand. Straightforward design of Vega Industries' *Unibilt* fits decoration of any present-day room. **11.** Remodeled attic taps flue from lower floor with raised hearth and custom hood. **12.** Contemporary fireplace, open on four sides, and unusual metal flue appear like a striking cage.



Lower level

Upper level

A place in the sun

SUMMER isn't as far away as it looks on the calendar, and there's no time like Christmas to start thinking about giving the whole family a present for the future. This A-frame beach house on New York's Fire Island was designed one recent winter by Jean and Francis Wood, who made themselves and their three children a finished present of it by summer. (It wouldn't be too wildly imaginative to see, in the looks of the house, a highly stylized Christmas tree.) What one actually *does* see is a pleasing geometric effect created by panels, both painted wood and glass. Plays of light filter through the house from both ends of it, and lend the inside a feeling of spaciousness not ordinarily associated with the economical A-frame construction. For hurricane proofing, foundation posts were sunk to a safe level; floor joists are bolted to posts and rafters bolted between. Since the roof is such an integral part of the house, the Woods chose to shingle it handsomely and hardily enough to bear both close inspection and the brunt of seaside squalls. The asbestos-cement shingles, storm-anchored, were designed for siding, but their extra size is in keeping with the expanse of the roof itself.

Freestanding fireplace: Manchester-Pierce's modern version of the old Ben Franklin stove provides enough heat for the living room and the rest of the house too. The living-room ceiling rises 27 feet to the full height of the house. Overhead beams are redwood. Partitioned off the living room, as indicated in plan (opposite), is a dormitory area of cantilevered bunks for the three children. A master bedroom, reached by the ladder stairway, takes up the second-story space

Main entrance to the house is in the rear—reached by walking around a deck of wooden boards finished in the color of driftwood. The length of the walk is enough to shake loose most of the sand from bare feet. Also in the rear is a small balcony which cantilevers out from the master bedroom

BILL MARGERIN

Compactness of the kitchen-dining room makes it an intimate area of the house. Counter-tops are white *Formica* edged with redwood; cabinets have colored sliding panels. Also in the downstairs area is the bathroom—a separate stall shower connected with it has a thoughtfully planned outside entrance for after-swim rinse-offs

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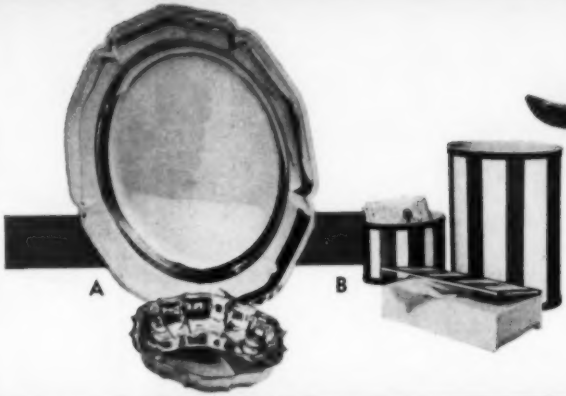

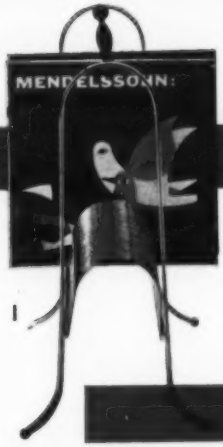

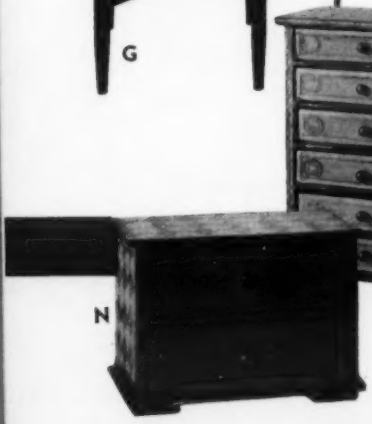

23 ways to stretch a sawbuck

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Notes from an inquisitive cook

Is there any fragrance in the world quite so heart-warming as the spicy aroma of mince pies baking, or a fruitcake almost ready to come out of the oven? To me, it is a *melting* sensation, and I know that all those Scrooges who say they dread the holidays would be reformed characters with one whiff of our kitchen. That's where most of the presents we make come from. A dozen little individual mince pies wrapped in foil, ready to heat, are a princely gift—particularly when partnered with hard sauce.

Because it keeps well, my favorite hard sauce for giving is half light and half dark brown sugar blended with butter until it's thick and creamy, then kissed with enough brandy to give it bounce and spiked to taste with cinnamon and nutmeg. It's wonderful, too, over hot, spiced peaches or pears, and turns a baked apple into something for which our fleet-footed old friend Atalanta would gladly have lost the race.

Onion pie, while hardly a true member of the Christmas spirit school of enticing aromas, is epicurean in taste. I need not remind you that this is not a dessert pie, but an accompaniment for meats. The Swiss prize an onion pie as highly as they do edelweiss, so use a Swiss recipe; the flavor and texture are a subtle delight, and—for my money—the dish has supplanted Yorkshire pudding.

Home brew was a little before my time, but my updated version is a pretty concoction. Season a large can of apple juice with enough bourbon to make it worth-while, add a stick or two of cinnamon, a few cloves, then heat until the spices assert themselves and serve. My husband calls it poor man's glug; he also, I notice, puts it away with great neatness and dispatch.

Good pot roast, to me, is as much a work of art as a wedding cake, and infinitely better to eat than a lot of connubial confections I've had to plough through. So, for a short cut to an arts degree, season your favorite cut of beef for pot roasting, place it on a large piece of heavy aluminum foil, cover it with a package of onion-soup mix and circle it with uncooked potatoes and carrots. Seal the foil carefully for airtightness and roast in a 350° F. oven for three hours or longer—depending on the size of the roast.

With the holiday goodies popping out of our oven like jack-in-the-boxes, we stay our appetites (and squelch our curiosity) with a lunch quickie like scrambled soup. Scramble eggs—one to a serving—and dole equal portions into bowls of chicken or beef bouillon and sprinkle generously with Parmesan cheese. A bit Chinese, a bit Italian, and a very happy marriage.

For a comforting, cold-day kaffeeklatsch, try this trick: add instant coffee to hot milk instead of the usual water, then double your pleasure by slicing doughnuts in half and toasting them. Sprinkle a little mild spice like nutmeg on the hot rounds. Snacks like this, may I add, are worth the pounds they add.

New flavors, when I discover them, go to my head like champagne. Soy sauce, for example, slightly sweetened and with a little fresh ginger grated into it, does wonders for broiled chicken and cubes of beef. Marinate the chicken or beef in the sauce for three or four hours and you'll dine like Marco Polo.

An elegant companion for soup or cocktails is crisp sesame toast. Cut crusts of slices of white bread, butter, sprinkle generously with sesame seed and brown under the broiler. *Don't* throw away the crusts! Fit them snugly into buttered muffin tins, then pop them into the oven just long enough to brown and take on the shape of the container. Fill the *croustades* as you wish.

For state occasions, cut the toast into finger slices or rounds and spread with *pate de maison*—our way of saying the goose hangs high. Mash liverwurst slices (be sure to remove the skin) to a fine consistency, blend in a little mayonnaise and onion powder to taste (plus, if you're feeling de luxe, a stick of softened butter and a dollop of brandy), pack firmly in a jar and refrigerate. Use as needed, which you'll find is often, and make enough to give to your friends in pretty little jars.

And now we've finished dinner and the TV food commercials have begun—a singularly inept time, I think, to try to tempt the appetite. Thank heaven for carols; nothing can make a herald angel sing out of tune.

Susie

Two carols for Yule: decking and dining

Like the Christmas rose, the fine art of decorating a table comes to its fullest bloom during the holidays. Boards may groan, but they also glitter. Take, for example, the scarlet and gold panoply on the opposite page: since the table is small, the "centerpiece" is hung on the wall over it—a hanging garden, gilded and do-it-yourself. Take, too, the settings on the following two pages: all are holiday songs as lyric and as seasonal as a Noel

FLINTRIDGE FINE CHINA; DIRILYTE GOLDEN-HUED FLATWARE AND HOLLOW WARE; WEST VIRGINIA GLASS STEMWARE. FOR DECORATION INSTRUCTIONS: PAGE 55

BILL WARGERS

DECKING AND DINING *continued*

Golden grapes, a crisscross of velvet ribbons and a series of be-bowed swags hung to define each diner's place-setting make this a table worthy of your most gala holiday dinner

MONTEIGNE BONE CHINA BY ROYAL DOULTON; BLITHE SPIRIT STERLING-SILVER FLATWARE BY GORHAM; STEMWARE BY VAL ST. LAMBERT. SETTING PHOTOGRAPHED AT BLACK, STARR & GORHAM, N.Y.C.

Peony pink velvet (opposite) edged in an extravagance of gold braid makes a luscious "cloth" for a gay little table crowned with pink and gold rose trees. Each plate wears a permanent rose, and the wine, fortuitously, is deep ruby-red

RHODORA CHINA BY LENOX; FLATWARE IN HEIRLOOM STERLING; FOSTORIA STEMWARE; PATTERSON VELVET; NORCROSS ROSE TREES

Two wine *aperitifs* to whet the palate and banish care. At left, a *Fruited Burgundy*, slightly sweet, very tangy; opposite, top, that paragon, a *Champeach Cocktail*. Both recipes on page 90

For how-to instructions on decorations, see pages 54-59

Orange and lime juice, sherry and an unbeaten egg white are combined and shaken to a froth for a cocktail with a lovely name, *Orange Velvet*

FRUITED BURGUNDY

2 tablespoons fine granulated sugar
juice of 1 lemon, strained
½ orange, sliced
½ lemon, sliced
1 slice pineapple, diced
chopped ice
1 bottle Taylor New York State Sparkling Burgundy

- Combine sugar and fruit in large pitcher.
- Mix well, then add chopped ice.
- Add Sparkling Burgundy and serve at once.
- Serves 8

NOTE: To serve a group quickly, assemble fruit mixture in advance, place in covered jar in refrigerator and chill. Add chilled Sparkling Burgundy just at serving time.

CHAMPEACH COCKTAIL

fresh peaches
sugar
Cook's Champagne

- Wash fresh peaches; rub them thoroughly.
- At serving time: prick peaches well with tines of fork and cut in half; then place ½ peach, cut side down, in bottom of goblet with 1 teaspoon sugar.
- Pour in very cold Cook's Champagne. Pricked peach half will rise to top of glass. Spin peach rapidly until it absorbs liquid.
- After champagne is enjoyed, provide salad plate, fruit knife and fork for eating the peach half.

NOTE: Canned peach halves may be substituted for fresh peaches.

ORANGE VELVET COCKTAIL

¾ cup orange juice
¼ cup lime juice
1 cup California Sherry
confectioners' sugar to taste
1 egg white, unbeaten
cracked ice
thin orange or lime slices

- Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker.
- Add cracked ice or ice cubes and shake vigorously.
- Pour into cocktail glasses.
- Garnish with fruit.
- Serves 6.

Apéritif, anyone?

Stocking a larder for holiday entertaining is an exciting business for all concerned except the wallet. It, poor thing, simply grows thinner and thinner—particularly when cocktail ingredients are on the list. Yet merrymaking is in order, and since only some of us get dazzlingly merry on milk, let us consider the vine. Wine cocktails are delicious, economical—as such things go, and quite alcoholic enough to please all but the most intent wassailer, a gentleman with whom we are not concerned. He can wassail elsewhere.

The variety in wine-base potions is infinite. Try your hand at any of the recipes here that appeal to you, then—if you plan to entertain on a fairly large scale—narrow the field to one or two. They can all be made in large quantities if you're of the punch-bowl school, and if you're entertaining only a few people, most of them can be prepared individually for the "made-to-order" touch.

You won't need a wine cellar, but you'll find the new wine racks attractive, serviceable and versatile. They require little space, and can be kept in any unused niche with not too strong a light and not too high a temperature. Corked bottles enjoy a horizontal position to keep the cork moist and the seal effective; light wines with a relatively low alcoholic content are perishable, once opened, and must be refrigerated unless used in a day or two.

Arrange an assembly "center" with glasses, an ice bucket, a pitcher and stirrer, a board and knife, a lemon squeezer, a strainer, a shaker and napkins and you're in business. The well-known and poetical "wine from these grapes" will do the rest.

The vine is your host

A growing concern, the *Add-A-Comb* wine rack anchors one holder to another, can expand in any direction. *Nicer* ice bucket

LIME-PORT REFRESHER

ice
Taylor New York State Port
Rose's (bottled) lime juice
sparkling water

- Fill 12-ounce glass with ice.
- Pour in Taylor New York State Port to half fill glass.
- Add 1 tablespoon lime juice. Fill glass with sparkling water. Stir to mix.

NOILLY BLANC COCKTAIL

1 ounce French sweet vermouth
2 ounces Prince Blanc white Bordeaux wine
1 teaspoon frozen orange juice concentrate
ice

- Combine in shaker with plenty of ice. Stir lightly.
- Pour into chilled cocktail glass.
- Serves one. To mix more than one, simply multiply ingredients accordingly.

GINGEREE

1 teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons lemon juice
3 ounces California Port
1 egg
ginger ale

- Shake all ingredients together vigorously with ice cubes.
- Strain into tall glass, filling not more than three-fourths full.
- Add ice-cold ginger ale to fill. Stir and serve.
- Serves one or two.

CLUB COCKTAIL

1½ ounces California Port
1½ ounces California dry Sherry
dash of orange bitters

- Combine ingredients in large cocktail or old-fashioned glass with two or three ice cubes.
- Stir and serve.

HOLIDAY GRAND MARNIER

ice cubes
lemon juice
orange juice
2 ounces of Grand Marnier
red or green cherries

- Put several ice cubes into an electric blender. Add a few dashes of orange juice and lemon juice and the Grand Marnier.
- Turn on blender and let it run for about 15 to 20 seconds until the mixture resembles an ice sherbet.
- Pour into large champagne glass or goblet. Decorate with red or green cherries.

SHERRY NOG

¾ cup Taylor New York State Dry Sherry
½ cup milk
1 egg
1 teaspoon sugar
crushed ice
nutmeg or cinnamon

- Combine all the ingredients and shake well.
- Top with freshly ground nutmeg or a sprinkle of cinnamon.
- Serves two.

PRINCE ROUGE PUNCH CUP

4 ounces Prince Rouge Burgundy Wine
1 teaspoon lemonade concentrate (undiluted)
1 teaspoon frozen orange juice concentrate (undiluted)
pinch of powdered cloves
long spiral of lemon or orange peel
ice

- Combine wine, juices and spice in tall pitcher.
- Just before serving, add ice and lemon peel.
- Serve as cocktail or as tall drink with added soda.

APPLE-WINE APERITIF

½ cup apple juice
1 cup red Bordeaux wine
½ cup reconstituted frozen lemonade

- Pour all ingredients over ice cubes in large on-the-rocks glass.
- Stir to mix.
- Serves two.

ROSE FLOAT

lemonade (made from frozen concentrate)
ice
chilled California Rose
maraschino cherries
lemon slices

- Pour lemonade over ice until tall glass is about two-thirds full.
- Float California Rose on top.
- Garnish with maraschino cherry and lemon slice.

MERRY WIDOW

extra-dry vermouth
Dubonnet
orange bitters
ice
lemon peel

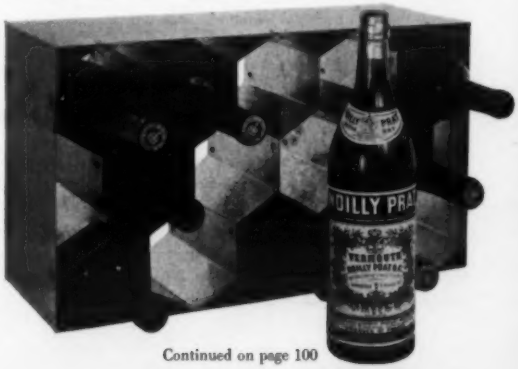
- Mix equal amounts of vermouth and Dubonnet with ice. Stir briskly.
- Strain into cocktail glasses. Serve with a twist of lemon.

6 O'CLOCK COCKTAIL

dry sherry
extra-dry vermouth
sweet vermouth
ice cubes
lemon peel

- Mix equal amounts of sherry, dry and sweet vermouths. Stir with ice cubes.
- Strain into glasses and top with a twist of lemon peel.

A compact package, the *Honeycomb* rack holds 14 bottles in relatively little space. All accessories from Hammacher-Schlemmer, New York



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For holiday entertaining:

the "be-prepared" shelf

Forty short cuts to variety

Tiny Tim and his famous goose to the contrary, Christmas entertaining is by no means limited to one overpowering, Gargantuan feast. Long before and after Christmas Day, people pop in, gaily unannounced and as hungry as wolves. How then, with so little notice, does our hostess cope? Very simply: she has a "be-prepared" shelf, a small segment of the pantry devoted to the package, the can and the "mix." Instant potatoes, for example, do yeoman duty in an amazing gamut of dishes; they may appear at brunch adding new texture and nourishment to waffles; at lunch as the classic delicacy, gnocchi, and at dinner as the crown for a casserole. A package of biscuit mix is equally versatile; a single box is as full of surprises as a Christmas stocking, and the day is past when a biscuit was simply a biscuit. The dessert mix, too, has reached new heights, and what we used to regard as a kind of slapdash pudding now regales guests as anything from that most exquisite of desserts, *Creme Brulee*, to a chocolate pie as rich as cream. The kitchen's Aladdin's lamp, of course, is the *can*. Canned corn makes a quick and inimitable partner for sautéed mushrooms and green beans, for pimientos and green peppers. It can turn a griddle cake into a delight once known only to connoisseurs of fine Southern cooking, and it can make the reputation of a a stuffed bird. The old stand-by, canned tomatoes, dovetails superbly with celery, okra, eggplant or cucumbers, and cunningly herbed, is not a tomato at all, but what it was once called, a love apple. And now, inspect your shelves, pile them high, and let the doorbell ring as it will. With the following recipes, you have forty savory short cuts to an *expedient* variety.

Recipes using INSTANT MASHED POTATOES

Sausage and Potato Crown
Potato-Spoon Bread
Gnocchi with Meat Sauce
Crab Meat au Gratin
Cheese Potato Bread Ring
Potato Candy
Hachis de Boeuf
Apple Cake

SAUSAGE AND POTATO CROWN

1 package frozen mixed vegetables
1 envelope instant mashed potatoes
¼ teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 package (8 ounces) precooked sausage links, split lengthwise
¼ cup shredded American cheese

- Cook both frozen vegetables and instant mashed potatoes according to package directions.
- Blend poultry seasoning into mashed potatoes. Fold vegetables into potatoes.
- Shape into a mound on a double thickness of foil on a baking sheet. Push sausages firmly into potatoes around edge of potato mound, slanting them in at the top slightly.
- Bake at 400° F. for 8 to 10 minutes.
- Sprinkle top with cheese. Heat until cheese melts and browns slightly, 3 to 5 minutes.
- Serves 3 or 4.

POTATO-SPOON BREAD

1¾ cups instant whipped potato flakes
1 cup yellow corn meal
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter
2 cups boiling water
2 eggs, separated
2 cups milk

- Combine potato flakes with corn- [Continued on page 96]

CHARLES VAN MANNEN

Recipes using CANNED TOMATOES

Spanish Shrimp Bake
Tomato Vinaigrette
Salmon-Tomato Soup
Vegetable Rarebit
Claret Beef
Upside-Down Pizza
Tomatoes 'n' Curry
All-Purpose Tomato Sauce

SPANISH SHRIMP BAKE

1 can (1 pound) tomatoes
juice of ½ lemon
½ cup water
½ cup dry sherry
½ cup heavy cream
⅛ teaspoon mace
dash cayenne
1 package Spanish rice mix
1½ pounds shrimp, cleaned and split lengthwise
½ cup slivered toasted almonds

- Combine tomatoes, lemon juice, water, sherry, cream, mace and cayenne in a 2-quart casserole. Mix well.
- Stir in Spanish rice mix and shrimp.
- Cover and bake at 350° F. for about 25 minutes or until rice and shrimp are tender.
- Garnish with almonds.
- Serves 6 to 8.

TOMATOES VINAIGRETTE

2 cans whole peeled tomatoes
¼ cup finely chopped chives
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
freshly ground black pepper
French dressing

- Drain tomatoes and cut into quarters.
- Sprinkle with chives, parsley and pepper.
- Pour French dressing over tomatoes and marinate in refrigerator 1 hour. Serves 4. [Continued on page 97]

Recipes using CANNED CORN

Refrigerator Corn Relish
Easy Salmon-Corn Bread
Cream of Corn Soup
Crunchy Corn Salad
Crimson Corn
Southern Griddle Cakes
Corn and Tuna Casserole
Tomato Mexicorn

REFRIGERATOR CORN RELISH

2 cups drained whole-kernel corn
¼ cup chopped green pepper
½ medium onion, sliced thinly
6 tablespoons sweet-pickle relish with liquid
¼ teaspoon celery seed
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 tablespoons white corn sirup
½ cup chopped cabbage

- Combine all ingredients in saucepan. Simmer 5 minutes.
- Refrigerate covered. Serve cold with hot or cold meats.
- Makes 1½ cups.

EASY SALMON-CORN BREAD

1 package easy corn-bread mix
1 egg, unbeaten
½ cup milk
1 tablespoon dry minced onion
1 7¾-ounce can salmon, drained and flaked
½ cup kernel corn, drained
chopped fresh parsley

- Add egg, milk and onion to bag of mix and mix according to package directions.
- Squeeze half of batter into special aluminum-foil pan contained in package. Spread evenly with spatula.
- Sprinkle flaked salmon and corn over batter. Cover with remaining batter.
- Sprinkle a little chopped fresh parsley over top. Bake as directed. Serves 8. [Continued on page 101]

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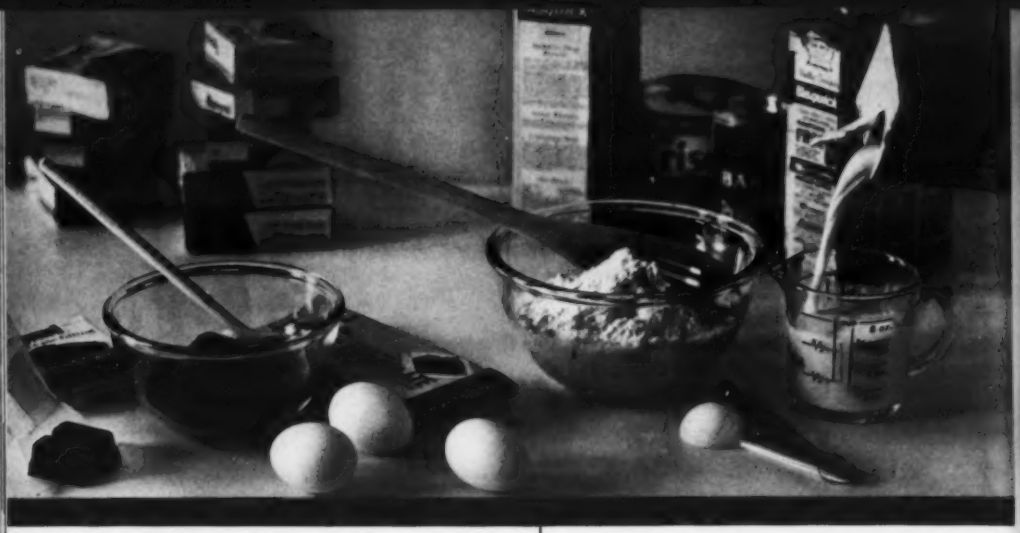


Recipes using DESSERT MIX

Creme Brulee
Chocolate Mousse
Custard A La Cointreau
Brandy Nog
Rum Dum Sauce
Super Chocolate Pie
Fudge Pecan Squares
Mocha Ice Cream

CREME BRULEE

1 package vanilla or custard flavor dessert mix
2¼ cups heavy cream
brown sugar

- Empty dessert mix into saucepan. Gradually stir in cream.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring slowly until mixture comes to a full boil (about 7 minutes).
- Remove from heat. Mixture will be thin. Pour into earthenware custard cups.
- Cool at room temperature, then chill thoroughly.
- Just before serving, completely cover tops with sifted brown sugar, spreading it evenly.
- Place in preheated broiler, 4 to 5 inches from source of heat, until sugar is a deep golden color. Serve immediately.
- Serves 4.

Note: Watch carefully when broiling to be sure sugar does not burn. Custard cups can be placed in a pan of ice while broiling to keep the dessert cool.

RUM DUM SAUCE

¼ cup butter
1 package chocolate pudding
½ cup milk
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
½ cup rum

- Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in pudding and milk.
- Cook over medium heat, [Continued on page 102]

Recipes using PACKAGED BAKING MIX

Hot Sea-Food Bites
Cheese Spirals
Midget Pie Appetizers
Chili Supper
Tipsy Trifle
Apple Charlotte
Josephines
Turn-About Pudding

HOT SEA-FOOD BITES

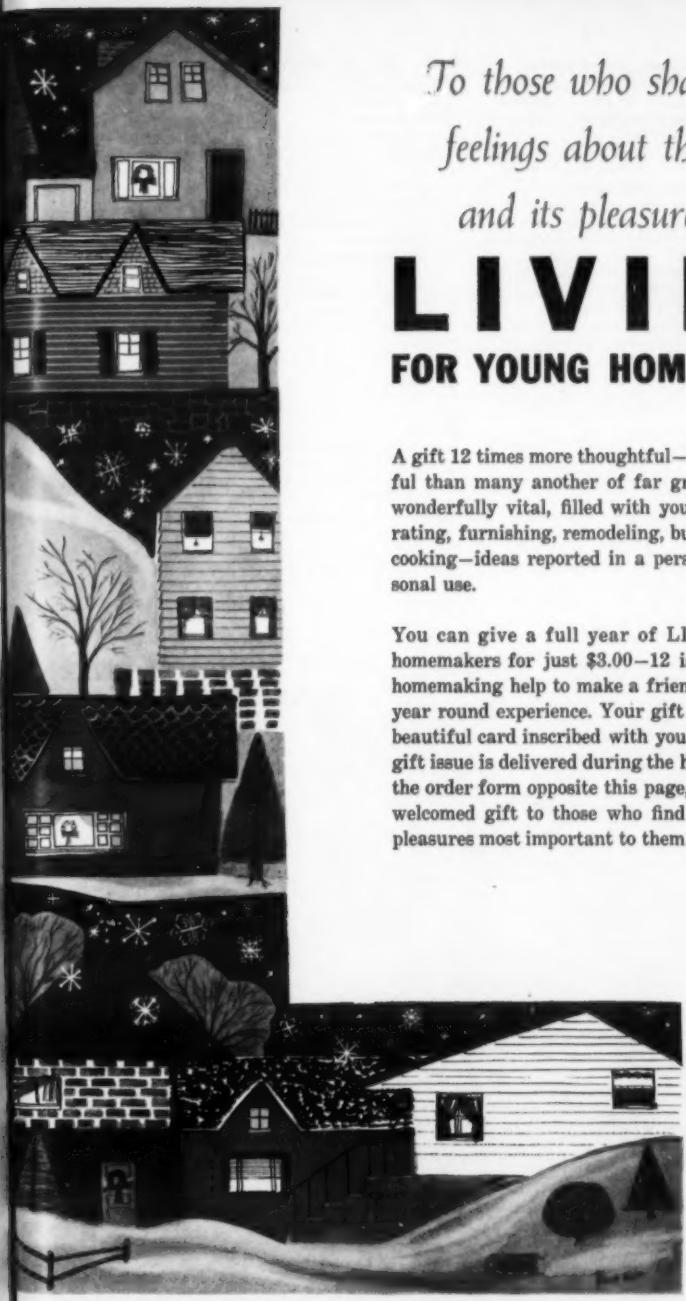
packaged variety baking mix
½ cup flaked cooked shrimp or crab-meat
1 tablespoon chopped pimiento
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
salt
pepper
grated sharp cheese

- Make rolled biscuits as directed on package. Roll out a little more than ¼-inch thick on lightly floured, cloth-covered board.
- Cut into tiny biscuits about 1 inch in diameter, using a biscuit cutter or the removable center of a doughnut cutter.
- Place on baking sheet and bake at 450° F. for 6 to 8 minutes. Immediately split each biscuit.
- Mix together remaining ingredients to make filling.
- Spread filling on bottom halves of biscuits and sprinkle with grated cheese. Replace tops. Return to oven to heat.
- Makes about 60 biscuits.

CHEESE SPIRALS

1 cup packaged variety baking mix
⅓ cup milk
¼ cup soft butter
½ cup grated American cheese
salt
paprika

- Add milk all at once to baking [Continued on page 104]



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Instant mashed potatoes

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meal, salt, and butter. Pour boiling water over mixture. Blend until smooth.

- Beat egg yolks until light. Add to milk, and add gradually to potato mixture, blending gently.
- Beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold into potato mixture.
- Place in buttered 2-quart casserole and bake at 350° F. for 45 minutes.
- Reduce temperature to 250° F. and bake 15 minutes longer until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Serve hot.
- Serves 8.

GNOCCHI WITH MEAT SAUCE

1 envelope instant mashed potatoes, cooked
¼ cup butter or margarine
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1½ cups flour
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
¾ cup coarsely shredded American or Cheddar cheese
2 quarts boiling water
1 package spaghetti-sauce mix
1 pound ground beef
shortening

- Combine cooked potatoes, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, eggs, 1 cup flour, ½ teaspoon salt, pepper and ¼ cup cheese. Mix well.
- Drop rounded spoonfuls of mixture into remaining flour and shape into flat, round cakes.
- Add remaining teaspoon of salt to boiling water. Lower cakes into water and simmer for 6 minutes.
- Remove from water and drain on absorbent toweling.
- Brown beef in shortening.
- Prepare spaghetti sauce according to package directions.
- Combine meat and spaghetti sauce.
- Arrange one-half of the cakes in a 10" by 6" by 2" shallow baking dish.
- Spread with one half of meat sauce. Repeat.
- Sprinkle top with remaining cheese.
- Drizzle 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine over all.
- Bake at 375° F. for 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese melts and browns slightly.
- Serves 6 to 8.

CRAB MEAT AU GRATIN

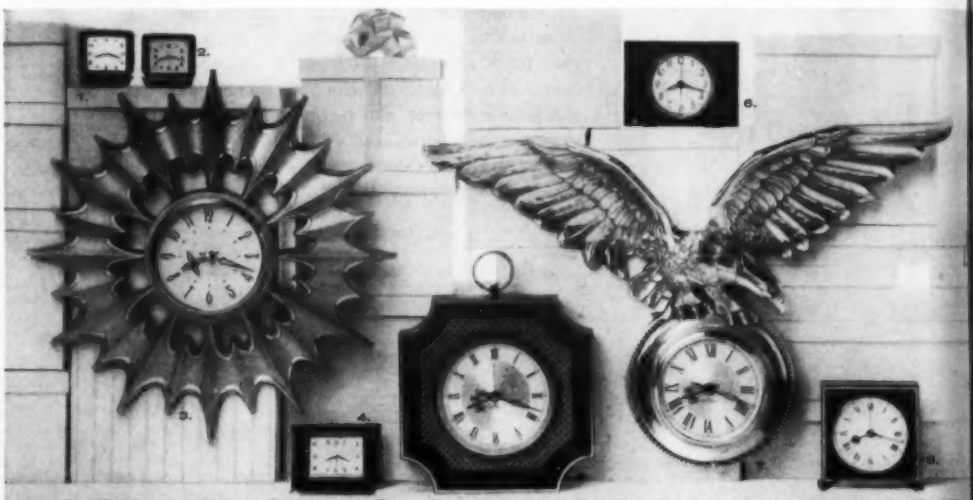
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
dash of pepper
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons cooking sherry
½ cup mild American or Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 can (6½ ounces) crab meat, drained and flaked
1 envelope instant mashed potatoes

- Melt butter in saucepan. Blend in flour and seasonings.
- Add milk gradually, stirring constantly.
- Bring to a boil and simmer 2 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Fold in sherry, ½ of the cheese and the crab meat. Heat mixture thoroughly.
- Pour into 4 buttered individual casseroles or 1-quart casserole.
- Prepare instant potatoes according to package directions.
- Top crab meat with potatoes and sprinkle with remaining cheese.
- Broil until cheese melts and becomes a golden brown, about 5 minutes.
- Serves 4.

CHEESE POTATO BREAD RING

3 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 package active dry yeast
¼ cup warm water
2⅓ cup cooled, cooked instant mashed potatoes
⅓ cup melted butter
3 ounces shredded Swiss Gruyere cheese
¼ cup lukewarm milk
2 eggs

- Sift together flour, sugar and salt.
- Dissolve yeast in water in mixing bowl. Add potatoes, butter, cheese, milk and eggs. Blend thoroughly.
- Add dry ingredients and mix well.
- Knead on floured board until smooth and elastic, about 5 to 8 minutes.
- Place in greased bowl. Grease top of dough. Cover with cloth.
- Let rise in warm place (85-90° F.) until double in bulk, 1 to 1½ hours.
- Punch down. Turn onto floured board.
- Shape into long roll and fit into a well-greased 9-inch ring mold and pinch ends together. If preferred,



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shape into a loaf and fit into a well-greased 9 by 5 by 3 pan.
- Cover and let rise in warm place until light, 30 to 35 minutes.
- Bake at 375° F. until light brown, 30 to 35 minutes.

POTATO CANDY

½ pound marshmallows
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup cooked instant mashed potatoes
1 teaspoon vanilla or maple flavoring
3 pounds confectioners' sugar, sifted
walnut halves or candied cherries

- Combine marshmallows, butter or margarine and salt in top of double boiler and place over boiling water to allow marshmallows to melt.
- Combine melted marshmallows, potatoes and flavoring in large mixing bowl.
- Blend in confectioners' sugar until mixture is stiff enough to shape into balls.
- Shape into balls and place on waxed paper.
- Top each ball with a walnut half or half a candied cherry.
- Cool in refrigerator until firm.
- Makes about 60 pieces.

HACHIS DE BOEUF

2 slices bread, torn into small pieces
½ cup milk
1 pound ground beef
¼ pound sausage meat
1 cup onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
2 tablespoons flour
¼ cup butter or margarine
½ cup water
2 bouillon cubes
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 envelope instant mashed potatoes

- Soak bread in milk and mix with beef, sausage meat, onion, parsley and flour.
- Melt butter or margarine in large fry pan, add meat mixture. Cook 10 minutes, stirring frequently.
- Add water, bouillon cubes, salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes.
- Prepare potatoes as directed on package label.
- Pour one half of meat mixture into a 1½-quart casserole. Cover with one half of cooked potatoes, spreading to make an even layer.
- Repeat.
- Bake at 400° F. for 10 minutes until hot and slightly browned.
- Serves 4 to 6.

APPLE CAKE

1¾ cups sifted flour
3½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
⅔ cup butter
¾ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup cooled, cooked instant mashed potatoes
¾ cup very thinly sliced cooked apples, well drained

- Combine and sift together the first four ingredients.
- Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and potatoes and beat together until smooth.
- Add dry ingredients a small amount at a time and stir until smooth after each addition.
- Fold in apples.
- Pour into greased and floured baking pan, 8″ by 8″ by 2″.
- Bake at 375° F. until done, about 35 minutes.
- Serve plain or topped with cinnamon whipped cream or cover with your favorite butter-cream frosting.

NOTE: To glamorize mashed potatoes try: grated cheese, chopped pimiento, chopped stuffed olives, minced water cress, chopped parsley, caraway butter, onion or garlic butter, crisp bacon bits, chopped chives, sauteed onion, nutmeg, chervil, tarragon.

Canned tomatoes

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SALMON-TOMATO SOUP

1-pound can salmon
1 chicken bouillon cube
1 cup boiling water
¾ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
¼ cup butter, melted
½ cup salmon liquid
1-pound can tomatoes
1 can (8 ounces) whole kernel corn
1 cup sliced, canned okra
½ teaspoon salt

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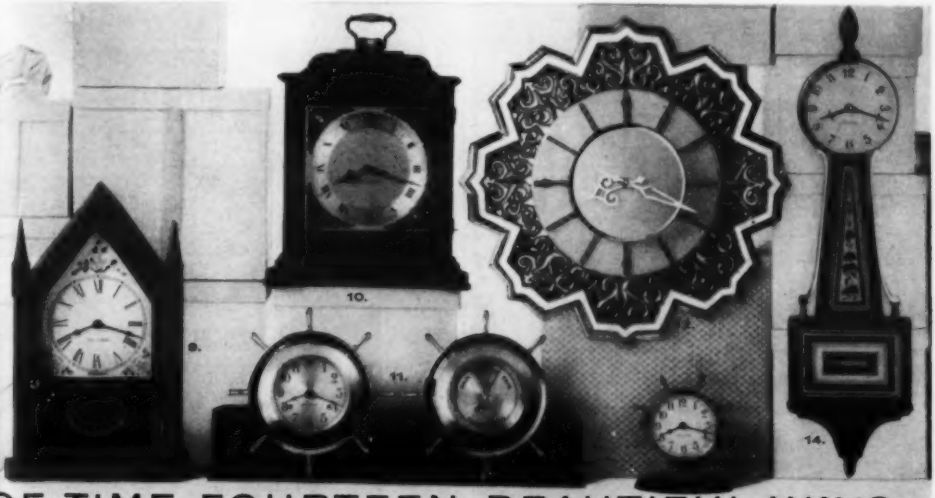

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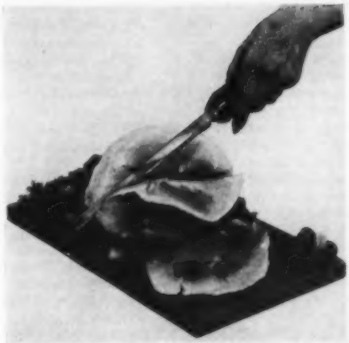

Carving takes no more here than the touch of a button. The *ElectriCarve* has a battery-operated motor in its handle which activates the blade into effortless slicing. Packaged with two different blades, it uses no cord (carry it on out to the barbecue next summer). By Burgess Vibrocrafters

They are working these days on the perfection of a tear-out aluminum top on a low-cost foil and paperboard container. The easy-off lid should be adaptable to metal cans, too. By Aluminum Company of America and United Shoe Machinery Corp.

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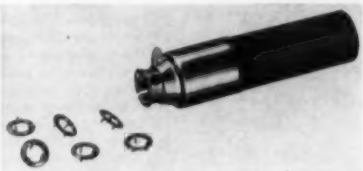

The ammunition used by this gun combines features of both the wire staple and the thumbtack. The gadget not only inserts its staple-tacks but removes them and then self-stores for future re-use. By Auto-Tak

Weathr-Web is a saran plastic fencing material which the manufacturer declares will outlast fence posts. Weatherproof and colorfast, it provides soft, light filtering, serves as well indoors as out. Economical, it's also do-it-yourself easy to install with scissors and staples. By Weblite, Inc.

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Wax-Packs are zippered jackets that hold several spoonsful of paste wax. Simply snap in place over regular brushes of a floor polisher. By Singer

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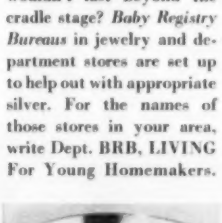
SILVER BABY TALK

By Marianne Allen

How often have you racked your brain over what to give a newborn baby, and then wound up spending money on something you knew wouldn't last beyond the cradle stage? *Baby Registry Bureaus* in jewelry and department stores are set up to help out with appropriate silver. For the names of those stores in your area, write Dept. BRB, LIVING For Young Homemakers.



It's a wise mother who enrolls her child with a *Baby Registry Bureau* to guide others in gifts like this baby goblet by Towle Sterling

This child's cup is a Metropolitan Museum of Art reproduction of eighteenth-century work by Andrew Tyler, of Boston. By Gorham

The vine is your host

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For the bar: lemon squeezer, hand mixer, stirrer and measurer, cutting board and knife, strainer. All from Hammacher-Schlemmer

SHERRY SHRUB

1 (4/5 quart) bottle California Sherry
1 (6 ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate
juice of two lemons
maraschino cherries

- Combine first three ingredients in a blender or beat with rotary beater until thoroughly mixed.
- Serve in cocktail glasses, plain or on the rocks, with a cherry for added flavor and color.
- Serves 6 to 8.

RHINE WINE COBBLER

1 tablespoon extra-fine sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup Rhine Wine
crushed ice
garnishes

- Combine sugar and juice in a tall glass. Blend well.
- Pour in wine. Add crushed ice.
- Top with wedge of lemon, mint leaves or cherry. Serve with a straw.
- Serves one.

VERMOUTH CHEERIO

6 ounces dry vermouth, chilled
1 ounce sweet vermouth, chilled
2 twists of lemon peel

- Mix vermouths and pour into chilled, stemmed glasses or serve over ice cubes.
- Serve with a twist of lemon peel.
- Serves two.

CLARET ROYALE

juice of 4 lemons
juice of 1 orange
½ cup extra-fine sugar
1 (4/5 quart) bottle Claret
crushed ice

- Combine fruit juices and sugar. Mix well.
- Strain and add wine.
- Serve in tall glasses, half-filled with crushed ice.
- Serves 8.

NOTE: Sparkling Burgundy may be substituted for Claret.

PINK FASCINATION

4 ounces Prince Blanc white Bordeaux wine
1 teaspoon grenadine sirup
lemon peel or orange slice
ice
soda

- Combine wine, grenadine and ice. Shake or stir lightly.
- Pour into large cocktail or old-fashioned glass.
- Add lemon peel or orange slice and fill glass with soda.
- Serves one.

HOB-NOB BURGUNDY

2½ ounces Burgundy
1 ice cube
7-up

- Pour Burgundy into a 6-ounce glass with ice cube.
- Fill glass with 7-up.
- Stir and serve.
- Serves one.

CHAMPAGNE SOUR

juice of 1 lime, strained
2 teaspoons very fine sugar
ice cubes
Champagne, chilled
lime slice
maraschino cherry

- Mix juice and sugar in large, bowl-shaped glass. Add ice cubes.
- Fill glasses with chilled Champagne. Garnish with lime slice and cherry.
- Serves one.

Canned tomatoes

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¼ teaspoon thyme
dash pepper
1 whole bay leaf
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese

- Drain salmon, reserving liquid. Break salmon into pieces.
- Dissolve bouillon cube in boiling water.
- Cook onion, green pepper and garlic in butter until tender.
- Combine all ingredients, except cheese, and cook until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes.
- Remove bay leaf. Sprinkle cheese over top.
- Serves 6.

VEGETABLE RAREBIT

2 cups cooked buttered rice
1 medium onion, chopped
½ medium green pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1 can whole kernel corn
1 can (1 pound) tomatoes
2 slices bread, cubed and toasted
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 egg
2 cups grated, sharp Cheddar cheese
½ cup beer

- Spread rice in bottom of shallow casserole.
- Cook chopped onion and green pepper in butter until tender.
- Add drained corn, tomatoes, bread cubes and seasonings. Mix.
- Stir in beaten egg, cheese and beer. Pour over rice.
- Bake at 375° F. about 30 minutes.
- Serves 6.

CLARET BEEF

2 pounds beef, cut in 2-inch cubes
vegetable oil
salt, pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup diced celery
3 cloves
1 bay leaf
1 cup claret wine
3 small potatoes, pared and halved
3 cups canned tomatoes
2 tablespoons flour

- Brown beef in hot oil. Season with salt and pepper.
- Add garlic, celery, cloves, bay leaf, claret wine and enough water to cover meat.
- Cover and simmer for 1 hour.
- Add vegetables and simmer for an hour longer, until meat is tender.
- Thicken with a paste made of flour and water.
- Serves 6 to 8.

UPSIDE-DOWN PIZZA

2 cups canned tomatoes
2 medium onions, chopped
1 green pepper, finely chopped
salt, pepper
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 tablespoon chopped chives
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 cup cubed American cheese
1 recipe baking-powder biscuits
1 egg yolk, beaten with a little water

- Combine tomatoes, onions, pepper, seasonings, parsley, chives and Worcestershire sauce in saucepan. Cook for 15 minutes over low heat stirring frequently.
- Add cheese and stir until melted.
- Pour into a 2-quart casserole.
- Prepare biscuits according to package directions. Roll to ¼-inch thickness.
- Arrange side by side on tomato mixture. Brush with egg yolk.
- Bake at 425° F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until biscuits are browned.
- Serves 4 to 6.

NOTE: ½ pound sausage meat, cooked, may be added.

TOMATOES 'N' CURRY

1 medium onion, chopped
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon flour
½ teaspoon curry powder
1 tablespoon molasses
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup canned tomatoes
1 cup whole kernel corn, drained

- Cook onion in butter until tender.
- Add flour, curry powder and molasses. Mix well.
- Add salt, tomatoes and corn. Cook slowly until slightly thickened.
- Serves 4 to 6.

ALL-PURPOSE TOMATO SAUCE

1 can (2½ cups) tomatoes
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon basil
1 onion, sliced
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
¼ cup dry sherry

- Cook tomatoes, seasonings and onions for 10 minutes. Force through a sieve.
- Melt butter and stir in flour, blending until smooth.
- Gradually stir in tomato mixture and stir until mixture boils and thickens. Cook three minutes longer, stirring frequently.
- Add sherry and remove from heat immediately.
- Makes 1 cup of sauce for vegetables, meat loaves or fish.

NOTE: For interesting variations combine tomatoes with: cheese and bread crumbs, celery, okra, eggplant, cucumbers. Or add tomatoes to: chili con carne, Spanish rice mix, soups, stews, Swiss steak. To season tomatoes use: curry, onion, oregano, chives, basil, dill, sage, tarragon, lemon.

Canned corn

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CREAM OF CORN SOUP

1 tablespoon butter
2 cans (12 ounces each) whole-kernel corn
1 can frozen potato soup
2 soup cans milk
½ cup light cream
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon seasoned salt
⅛ teaspoon celery salt
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons snipped parsley
paprika
crisp bacon bits

- Simmer corn in butter 5 minutes.
- Add frozen soup, milk, cream, salts and Worcestershire sauce.
- Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring until soup melts.
- Remove from heat. Add parsley, sprinkle with paprika and top with bacon bits.
- Serves 6.

CRUNCHY CORN SALAD

1 can (2 cups) whole-kernel corn, drained
¼ pound crisp-fried bacon, drained and crumbled
2 pimientos, chopped
1 tablespoon green pepper, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped cucumber
½ cup Wish Bone Italian salad dressing
salt and pepper to taste
lettuce
onion rings

- Combine all ingredients except lettuce and onion rings. Serve in lettuce cups or on shredded lettuce. Garnish with onion rings.
- Serves 4.

CRIMSON CORN

¼ cup butter
¼ cup chopped onions
2 cups corn kernels

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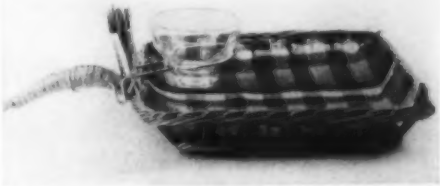
Gifts:
Price tag? $10 or less

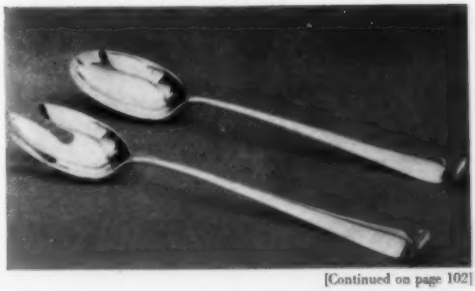
Brass table lamp with white paper shade; very attractive reproduction of an old colonial candlestick. From Gimbel's, New York City. $7.95

Shrimp basket with a strong handle for easy serving has dipping bowl for sauce, toothpicks for spearing. Scarsdale Studio, Scarsdale, N.Y. $5



Answer to the problem of how to dine comfortably and watch TV at the same time. Folding metal tables with painted floral tops. $6.95 for set of four. At Furchgott's, Jacksonville, Fla.

Handsome serving fork and spoon of heavy silver-plate. Authentic reproductions of Georgian serving pieces circa 1740. Jordan Marsh, Boston, Mass. $10



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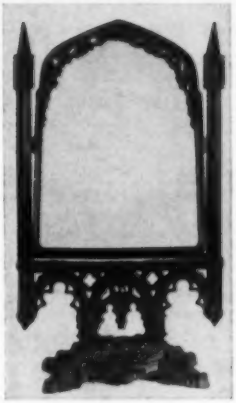

Amusing Victorian vanity mirror—frivolous, but very solid. Cast iron in black, white, pink or blue. $6.95. Lord & Taylor, N.Y.

Pretty and practical hatbox and blanket box covered in a very gay pink and blue printed chintz. $5.95 and $6.95. Lord & Taylor, N.Y.

For those who deplore the capacity of a demitasse, a jumbo coffee cup and saucer in white, blue and green. $4.50. W & J Sloane, N.Y.

Jolly tars and land-bound sailors should appreciate a ball-point pen held in the grip of a brass anchor. $5. Hammacher Schlemmer, N.Y.

Canned corn

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2 teaspoons paprika
¾ teaspoon salt
freshly ground black pepper

- Saute onions in butter until golden, not brown.
- Add remaining ingredients and cook, covered, over medium heat for 5 minutes or until tender, shaking the pan occasionally.
- Serves 4.

SOUTHERN GRIDDLE CAKES

1½ cups kernel corn, drained
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon brown sugar
¼ cup corn meal
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
2 egg yolks
2 egg whites, beaten stiff
cooking oil

- Put half of corn in an electric blender or mixer with the milk, and mix.
- Add remaining corn, the dry ingredients and the egg yolks. Blend thoroughly.
- Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites.
- Drop batter from spoon on hot, oiled griddle. When set, turn only once.
- Makes 8 large cakes.

NOTE: Serve with sea-food dishes, fried chicken, or for breakfast with maple sirup.

CORN AND TUNA CASSEROLE

1 package Spanish rice mix
1 can (2 cups) whole-kernel corn, drained
1 can (7 ounces) tuna fish, drained and flaked
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2¼ cups milk or water
½ cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese

- Place Spanish rice mix, corn, tuna and lemon juice in a greased 2-quart casserole.
- Meanwhile, bring milk just to a boil. Stir into mixture in casserole.
- Sprinkle with cheese.
- Cover and bake at 375° F. for 25 minutes. Stir well before serving.
- Serves 5 or 6.

TOMATO MEXICORN

¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped cooked ham
bacon fat
1 can tomatoes, drained
½ teaspoon salt
freshly ground black pepper
3 cups kernel corn, drained

- Saute onion, pepper and ham in bacon fat.
- Stir in remaining ingredients.
- Cook over medium heat until vegetables are tender, 5 to 10 minutes.
- Serves 6.

NOTE: Use corn combined with: sauteed mushrooms and green beans; pimiento and green pepper; Cheddar cheese; lima beans; zucchini; frankfurters. Corn is a hearty addition to: pancake mix; waffles; soups; stuffing; creamed dried beef; casseroles; muffins. Complement the flavor of corn with: garlic salt, onion salt, Worcestershire sauce; paprika, parsley, herb butter.

Dessert mix

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stirring until mixture comes to a full boil.

- Add confectioners' sugar and stir until well-blended. Stir in rum.
- Serve hot or cold on ice cream.
- Makes 1½ cups.

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

1 package chocolate pudding
1 cup milk
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
¼ cup rum
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
½ cup heavy cream, whipped
whipped cream
shaved chocolate

- Empty pudding into saucepan. Add milk and egg yolks gradually, stirring to blend mixture smoothly.
- Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Mixture will be thick.
- Remove from heat. Beat in rum. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites.
- Cool, then chill.
- Garnish with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.
- Serves 6.

CUSTARD A LA COINTREAU

1 package custard flavor dessert
1¼ cups milk
1 cup cream
¼ cup orange marmalade

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Birthday presents for the Christmas child

When birthdays fall close to Christmas, gifts are apt to double up, which seems unfair. To any child, presents with his or her name painted on are something extra-special.

Susie can really be encouraged to put things neatly away if she has her own special nooks like this quilted laundry bag with handy zipper at the bottom, $3.50, or hanging shoe bag, $2.50, including name. Both from Zittenfield Products, Los Angeles. Wardrobe, Best & Co., N.Y.

Hand-painted birthday chest to delight any little girl's heart—may also someday become an heirloom. Name and date of birth are encircled with a heart and garlands of blue and rose flowers on antique white or buff. $139 from Albert M. Lock

Plenty of light in the nursery is nice to play by but sometimes you forget to turn it off. Sparkling white switch plates are gentle reminders, also keep wall smudge-free. Plates come equipped with mounting screws and child's first name. $1.75 from Wales

Beguiling, blue-eyed, limp rag doll is hand-painted on this stool finished in antique pine. Oval, 14 inches long, just the right size to pull up anywhere to join in the conversation. First name is hand-painted in white. $11.50 from Olde Farm *Originals*

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Gifts Unlimited

There seems to be a growing demand in the market place for unusual, even bizarre gift ideas, judging by the number of fascinating ads we have been observing. There are offerings of "shrunken pygmy head ash trays," imported Haitian Voodoo drums, monogrammed tooth picks "for those who have everything," and an oddment of other equally off-beat gifts for the idea-weary shopper. We know a chap who received a Philippine bolo knife that is just dandy for cutting jungle brush...if he ever visits a jungle!

The problem with most of these splendid ideas is their relatively limited use. The ideal "unusual" gift should combine cautiousness with daring. It should have an aura of dashing practicality. Certainly, above all else, it should be useful. With these requirements in mind, we have come up with what may prove to be the gift idea of the year! Regular readers of this rectangle, by now, will have given a knowing nod. For the uninitiated, we will end the suspense here and blurt it out...E-Z-DU® Wallpaper.

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Birthday presents

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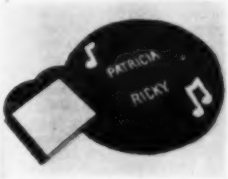

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Sturdy little TV stool of natural wood with name in black, $3.95 from Unique Gifts Co. Soft penguin rug, $9.95, from the Glenoit Mills, Inc.

Dessert mix

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2 tablespoons Cointreau

- Combine dessert mix, milk and cream in a saucepan.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil.
- Pour into serving dishes. Cool, then chill thoroughly.
- Blend marmalade and Cointreau together and heat through.
- When ready to serve, spread marmalade mixture on custards and flame for a festive touch.
- Serves 4.

BRANDY NOG

1 package custard flavor dessert
3 cups milk
1 pint vanilla ice cream, softened
½ to 1 cup brandy

- Mix dessert mix and milk together in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil.
- Pour into large mixing bowl and chill thoroughly.
- Beat with electric or rotary beater until smooth. Beat in softened ice cream. Stir in brandy to taste.
- Serve ladled into punch cups.
- Serves 10.

SUPER CHOCOLATE PIE

1 package chocolate pudding
¼ cup sugar
3 cups milk
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 baked 9-inch pastry shell
3 egg whites
6 tablespoons sugar

- Combine pudding and sugar in saucepan. Stir in milk and egg yolks.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Pour into pastry shell.
- Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually beat in sugar. Continue to beat until stiff, not dry.
- Spread meringue over hot pie filling, sealing well to edges.
- Brown at 425° F. about 5 minutes. Chill.
- Serves 8.

FUDGE PECAN SQUARES

1 package chocolate pudding
1½ cups sugar
dash salt
½ cup butter, melted
4 eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans

- Combine pudding and remaining ingredients, beating until well blended.
- Pour into a well-greased 8-inch square pan.
- Bake at 350° F. for 40 minutes.
- Cut into squares while still warm and serve topped with ice cream.
- Serves 6 to 8.

MOCHA ICE CREAM

1 package chocolate pudding
½ cup sugar
3 teaspoons instant coffee
2½ cups milk
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

- Combine pudding, sugar and instant coffee in saucepan. Add milk.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring until mixture comes to a boil. Cool slightly.
- Pour into refrigerator freezing tray. Freeze until partially frozen.
- Turn into bowl and beat until mushlike. Fold in whipped cream.
- Return to tray and freeze until solid.
- Makes 1 quart.

NOTE: To perk up a plain pudding, try one of these as an addition, a topping or a base: nuts, candied fruit, coconut, pound cake, sponge cake, chopped dates, raisins, fresh or canned fruit or berries, lady fingers, vanilla wafers, meringue, shaved chocolate, cooky crumbs, miniature marshmallows.

Baking mix

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mix. Stir with fork into a soft dough. Beat dough 15 strokes.

- Roll dough around on lightly-floured, cloth-covered board. Knead gently 8 to 10 times to smooth up dough.
- Roll dough into rectangle. Spread with butter and sprinkle with cheese. Roll up like a jelly roll, fold ends to center, roll out again to ¼-inch thickness.
- Cut into narrow strips 5 inches long. Twist. Place on baking sheet and sprinkle with salt and paprika.
- Bake at 450° F., 6 to 8 minutes.

MIDGET PIE APPETIZERS

packaged variety baking mix
toppings

- Make short pie dough as directed on package. Divide into 36 balls. Flatten each ball into a circle on a baking sheet.
- Spread each circle with one of the toppings listed below.
- Bake about 10 minutes at 425° F. Serve warm.

Toppings:

chopped ripe olives moistened with mayonnaise
anchovies sprinkled with parsley

grated Parmesan cheese
sausage slices, sprinkled with paprika
ham spread, minced ham or seasoned deviled ham
grated onion and chopped parsley
thin salami slices

CHILI SUPPER

2 cans (15½ ounces each) chili with beans
1 can (1 pound) tomatoes
1 small onion, chopped
1 tablespoon shortening
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons milk
1 small egg
1 cup packaged variety baking mix
1 tablespoon corn meal
paprika

- Combine chili and tomatoes in a 2-quart baking dish. Heat in oven at 425° F. for 10 to 15 minutes until mixture bubbles.
- Meanwhile, saute onion in shortening.
- Blend milk, egg, baking mix and onion. Beat vigorously for 30 seconds.
- Drop batter onto hot chili. (Batter spreads over baking dish as it bakes.) Sprinkle corn meal over batter.
- Bake about 25 minutes longer. Sprinkle with paprika.
- Serves 6.

TIPSY TRIFLE

packaged variety baking mix
1 package vanilla pudding mix
raspberry jam
⅓ cup sherry flavoring
½ cup toasted, slivered almonds
¾ cup heavy cream, whipped and sweetened
candied cherries, chopped

- Bake velvet crumb cake as directed on baking mix package. Cool.
- Prepare pudding mix as directed on package, except add ½ cup more milk. Cool.
- Cut cake into 4 pieces. Cut each piece in half horizontally and spread with jam. Cut into 16 pieces.
- Arrange slices in an 11½" by 7½" by 1½" glass baking dish. Sprinkle with sherry flavoring.
- Pour pudding over cake. Sprinkle with toasted almonds, spread with whipped cream and chill for 4 hours.
- To serve, top with candied cherries.

APPLE CHARLOTTE

2 cans sliced apples, drained
⅓ cup apple jelly
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
½ cup candied fruit and peel
½ teaspoon nutmeg
packaged variety baking mix
light cream

- Combine all ingredients except baking mix and cream. Place in an 8" by 8" by 2" baking dish.
- Prepare fruit shortcake dough as directed on baking mix package. Roll dough to ¼ inch thickness on floured board. Cut biscuits and place on fruit mixture.
- Bake at 400° F. for 30 minutes or until biscuits are lightly browned.
- Serve hot with cream.
- Serves 8 to 10.

JOSEPHINES

packaged variety baking mix
creamy white or chocolate frosting
vanilla pudding
chopped nuts

- Make short pie dough as directed on baking mix package, add ½ teaspoon almond extract.
- Pat dough into 12 oblongs, 3 inches by 2 inches. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Cool.
- Spread half of the oblongs with frosting. Sprinkle with nuts.
- Place frosted and unfrosted oblongs in pairs, using chilled vanilla pudding as a filling.
- Makes 6.

TURN-ABOUT PUDDING

1 cup variety baking mix
1 teaspoon lemon rind
½ cup pineapple tidbits
¼ cup chopped nuts
¼ cup milk
1 cup sirup from pineapple
½ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon lemon juice
cinnamon or nutmeg

- Add lemon rind, pineapple and nuts to baking mix. Stir in milk to make a stiff dough.
- Spread thin in 6" by 10" by 2" baking dish.
- Combine sirup, brown sugar, butter, lemon juice and a dash of cinnamon or nutmeg in a saucepan and heat to boiling. Pour over dough.
- Bake at 375° F. for 30 minutes. Serve warm with cream.
- Serves 6.

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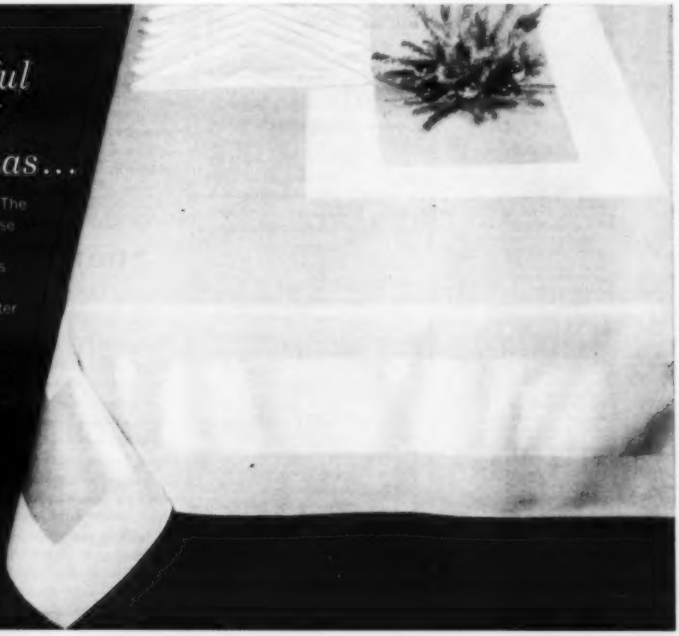

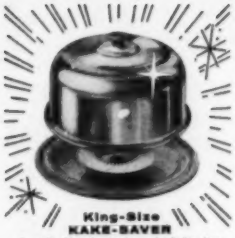

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Music for living

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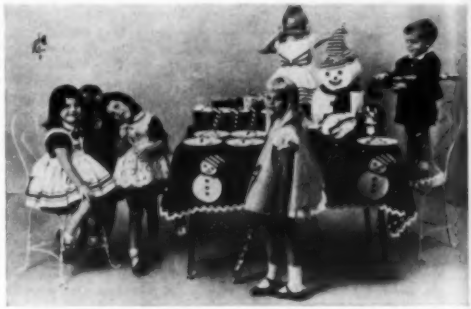
Under the omnibus title of *Piano Encores*, Stanley Hummel has recorded a group of works by Bach, Bizet, Rachmaninoff, Moszkowski, Chopin and Liszt, thus embracing a wide variety of styles and nationalities on a single disc. The same pianist devotes another record to a performance of Moussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a work that has become quite popular in the last few decades in the orchestral transcription made by Ravel. This recording, however, presents it in its original version, as a piano solo. Both discs are issued under the Ersta label.

Those who are partial to coloristic music with an exotic flavor will be pleased by a recording of *Forest of the Amazon*, by the late Brazilian composer Villa-Lobos. The descriptive intent of this work is indicated by the subtitles of the various movements. They include the following: *Deep in the Forest, Excitement Among the Indians, Twilight Song, Indians in Search of the Girl, Blue Dusk* and *Love Song*. The composer himself directs the Symphony of the Air and an unnamed chorus on a disc issued by United Artists. The solo portions are sung by the famous Brazilian soprano, Bidu Sayao.

The younger set is well-served by a number of discs issued by Riverside Records. Three at hand are called, respectively, *Folk Songs from the Children's Zoo, Folk Songs for Little Cowboys* and *Folk Songs for Little Sailors*. The performances are by Oscar Brand, Milt Okun, Bob Gibson, Ed McCurdy, the DeCormiers, Peggy Seeger, Billy Faier and others. The same company has issued another series of records called *Everybody Sings*, containing folk songs specially selected for children. Volume 4, devoted to International Songs, contains songs of the following origins: Haitian, Jamaican, French, German, Mexican, Israeli, Italian, Irish, Yiddish, Turkish, Sicilian and Scottish. Among the singers are such specialists as Geoffrey Holder, Cynthia Gooding, Hillel and Aviva, Ruth Rubin, Bob and Louise DeCormier and Betty Sanders.

An appealing record for young children, called *A Day in the Park*, features the Manhattan Recorder Consort and folk singer Jean Ritchie. The use of the recorders is an unusual approach. The record was produced by Classic Editions.

How-to-make instructions for child's Christmas tablecloth



Tablecloth can be made to fit the measurements of your table. Customarily there is a 12" to 14" overhang at all four sides of the table. The snowmen are arranged, as you can see above, to decorate this overhang

To make snowman: Snowman is made from two circles, one for the body and one for his head. Using brown wrapping paper, draw a circle 6" in diameter for the body; 3½" in diameter for the head. With these as guides, cut the same sized circles out of white cotton, allowing 1" seam allowance around circumference of circle. Cut out hat from striped fabric; cut out scarf for snowman's neck from solid red cloth. Applique the body of the snowman in position on cloth, stitching on your machine. Cut away excess fabric at stitching line. Place head in position on body of snowman and applique to cloth in the same manner. Applique the hat and scarf. Use buttons for the eyes and nose, as well as for the buttons on body of snowman. Use iron-on mending tape for his mouth. Place as many of these snowmen around border of cloth as needed. For hem turn up ⅝" all around, turning raw edge under ½". Place jumbo rickrack on the right side of the cloth and then stitch the rickrack and hem simultaneously.

Snowman for centerpiece of table setting

Pattern for snowman: Pattern for snowman is made the same as indicated in instructions for tablecloth, using 8" diameter for head and 10" diameter for body. Cut out paper circles, placing head on the body of snowman in same position as they appear on cloth. Trace around head circle where it meets body circle and cut out this indentation on body circle. (This is where head will sit on top of body.) At bottom of circle, draw a straight line 4" long. Cut along straight line so snowman will stand up. Using paper head pattern, cut two circles out of white cotton, allowing an inch for the seam. Using the same pattern, cut two circles of buckram the same size (no seam allowance). Repeat for body pattern.

To make boxing for the head piece, cut a bias strip of buckram 6" wide and as long as circumference of head. Use this as a pattern and cut one bias piece out of white cotton, with 1" seam allowance on all sides. Boxing for body is made the same way except for the length. This extends only from either edge of the concave line cut out at top of the body circle.

Pattern for hat: Draw a triangle 9" at the base and 12" on each side. Use paper pattern to cut hat allowing for a 1" seam on all sides. Cut scarf out of red cotton on the bias 36" long and 3" wide.

Construction: Slightly dampen all buckram pieces and press in position on corresponding fabric pieces (the buckram will adhere to the cotton). Press the seam allowance of the fabric over raw edges of buckram. Sew button nose and eyes on snowman's head and press iron-on mending tape mouth in position. Sew buttons on body. By hand, slip-stitch boxing to front and back pieces of the head and body, leaving concave space on top of the body open.

Hat: Turn under and press bottom edge of triangle. On wrong side, seam other two edges together. Press, turn to right side, hand tack hat on head.

Scarf: Put a narrow hem around all sides of the scarf. Tack the scarf around the opening of the body section, and tie in a loop. Place the head on body and the snowman is finished.

INSTRUCTIONS COURTESY OF SINGER SEWING MACHINE

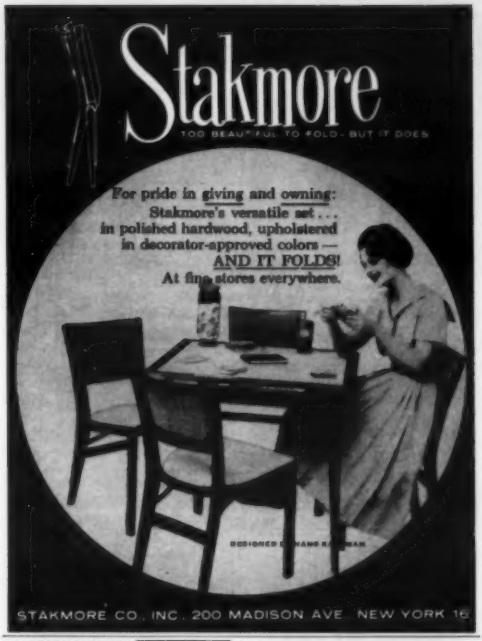
Christmas means cookies

If it's been a long while since you impressed the family with something baked-from-scratch, this is the time of year to leave the ready-mixes on the shelf and roll up your sleeves for a session with the sifter. We've provided suggestions for the shape your Christmas cookies might take, but there's no reason in the world why you shouldn't use a cooky-cutter—or come up with a new and better design idea of your own.

Christmas cookies

¾ cup soft shortening (part butter)
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla
2½ cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla
¾ tablespoon water or
1 tablespoon cream
red and green food coloring
gumdrops

- Beat sugar into soft shortening.
- Add eggs and vanilla and mix well.
- Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Stir into egg mixture.
- Chill at least one hour.
- Meanwhile, cut desired shapes out of cardboard from patterns given. Base of the snowman can be made with a large glass or biscuit cutter.
- Roll dough lightly on floured surface to about ⅛ inch thickness. Use a small amount of dough for each rolling, keeping the rest chilled.
- Cut shapes from dough with a sharp knife dipped in flour, making as many cookies as possible from each rolling.
- Fit snowman's head onto base and press together gently.
- Place on ungreased cooky sheet. Bake at 400° F. for 6 to 8 minutes until delicately browned. Cool. [Continued on page 109]



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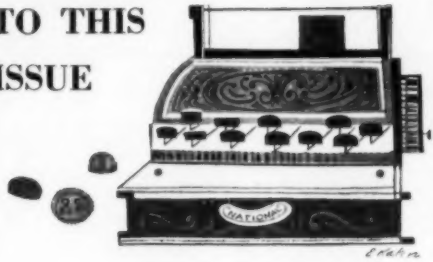

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Sounds to keep a lifetime

By Tony Schwartz

Home tape recording today is just about as simple as picture taking, but, surprisingly, few of America's three million tape-recorder families realize it. Although one in every 20 families owns a recorder—and the number is growing steadily—most of them turn it on much too seldom. They forget that a tape recorder can become an important way to preserve family history, if it's given half a chance to earn its place in the home. In talking with recorder-owning friends, I've found that many of them have little idea of just how they can use their equipment. Many bought recorders with the idea of becoming the life of a party by plotting sneak recordings of unsuspecting guests. And others figured they'd become chroniclers of baby babblings by recording junior's first "da-da."

But, for one reason or another, many of these erstwhile home-recording engineers have given up their taping hobby before they even got it well-started. If these potential recording fans had followed through, that first "da-da" could be the start, rather than finish, of a permanent library of tape highlights documenting all the important steps in a child's growing years. Just as snapshots capture the way people look at various times in their lives, tape recordings can preserve the way they sound, think, believe and react. The intense, personal nature of a recorded voice can bring a person right into the room, for tape recordings sound just as "live" as the actual voice. In reality, recordings are the best way that a family can bring back the live "presence" of a big family moment—even [Continued on facing page]

Christmas cookies

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• Prepare decorating frosting by blending last four ingredients. Divide. Using a few drops of food coloring tint part green and part red.
• Decorate as follows with a pastry tube:

Christmas tree: pipe a fine outline around edges with green icing. Use frosting to secure gumdrop halves or other colored candies in place for tree ornaments.

Candy canes: Using red icing, pipe wide diagonal lines across canes at regular intervals. While still soft, sprinkle over the tops with red sugar sprinkles.

Snowman: Using red icing, pipe stripes across the hat, make a curved line for the mouth, and make a wide band for the scarf. Secure licorice gumdrops in position with icing for eyes, nose and buttons. Yield: 2 to 3 dozen.

Sounds to keep a lifetime

though snapshots or movies may relive the looks of an event, tape can take you right there, through the intimate vehicle of sound.

Although I've always had a lot of enjoyment from tape recording, I'm afraid that too many other recordists—or would-be recordists—think it's much too complicated to put family history, or much of anything else, onto tape. But actually, it's mighty simple. All you do is put on a reel of tape, adjust an easy-to-set volume indicator, and push the "record" button. Then start talking. Not only are recorders easier than ever to operate, they also produce higher fidelity than disc or wire recording, and they are more versatile. As well, their cost is about half what it was ten years ago.

With a little planning, tape recordings can give future family generations just the sort of record they might wish they'd had from their own parents' or grandparents' lives. All a family needs to do is to figure out what they'd most like to hear, and then record present-day life which fits into the same categories. In addition to bigger moments of family history, I've always enjoyed recording some of the occasions that are strictly fun. Tape can recall, for instance, the voices of the college crowd harmonizing on a popular song, or your daughter's joy when she receives her first doll for Christmas. These sounds will bring happy memories for years.

If a tape library is going to be interesting enough to keep and play back, the actual recording is only one part of the job. Just as snapshots need to be arranged and categorized in an album before they can mean much, recordings should also be edited and classified. It takes little time and no more equipment than a pair of scissors. Actually, I find that it turns out to be a pleasure instead of a chore, for as I work with the material I've recorded, I relive the experiences on tape. Full instructions for editing appear on the inside of most boxes of new tape, or directions may be obtained from tape manufacturers.

After editing and classifying, tapes are ready to store. Practically all of today's recording tape is based on either of two materials—acetate film or *Mylar* polyester film—and each requires different storage conditions. If acetate-based tapes are used, they must be kept away from radiators, out of the attic, and off sunny window sills and car ledges, for temperature and humidity can hurt them. If they are not stored properly, they will, in time dry out, becoming brittle enough to splinter and ruin the recording. For my own recordings, I prefer to forget about storage problems and use tape based on *Mylar* polyester film. I find that it is not affected by heat or humidity and doesn't dry out. For all practical purposes, it can be considered permanent. Its greater strength also makes thin tapes possible. More tape goes on the same-sized reel, giving tape users more recording time, and requiring less storage.

Another vital factor in recording is technique. Many people think this is a big problem—but it really isn't. A few pointers are all that you need to make a good recording. Just as snapshots needn't be professional portraits before they can bring back fond memories, tape recordings needn't require the "sterile" sound-conditions and technical perfection of a professional radio studio. The important note on technique is proper volume control—the strength of the music or voice as it reaches the tape. All recorders have some sort of volume indicator, such as an electric eye or meter, which continuously shows the volume level of the material being recorded.

The proper recording level of a sound situation can be figured out by running a test before making the final recording. If the playback has too much hiss or roar, the volume is too low. If words or sounds are distorted or fuzzy, the volume is too high. In a good recording, the volume should be high enough to eliminate the recording noise, yet low enough to stay away from distortion caused by overloading the tape. For recording a single voice, the microphone should be no farther than six to twelve inches from the person who is speaking. This will record the voice clearly and also "ride over" other sounds which might interfere. Similar technique applies for recording a singer.

When recording more than one voice or sound, the technique is only a little more complicated. Unlike one's own hearing, a single microphone does not distinguish direction of sound, so all sounds appear to be stacked right behind each other. In a recording, they need to be separated by controlling the distance from which each speaks into the mike—making one louder than another—or by separating them, so that only one is recording at any one time. A good way to find out how the mike will pick up a sound situation is to listen with one ear.

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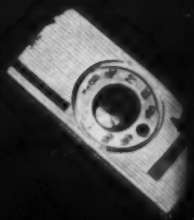

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